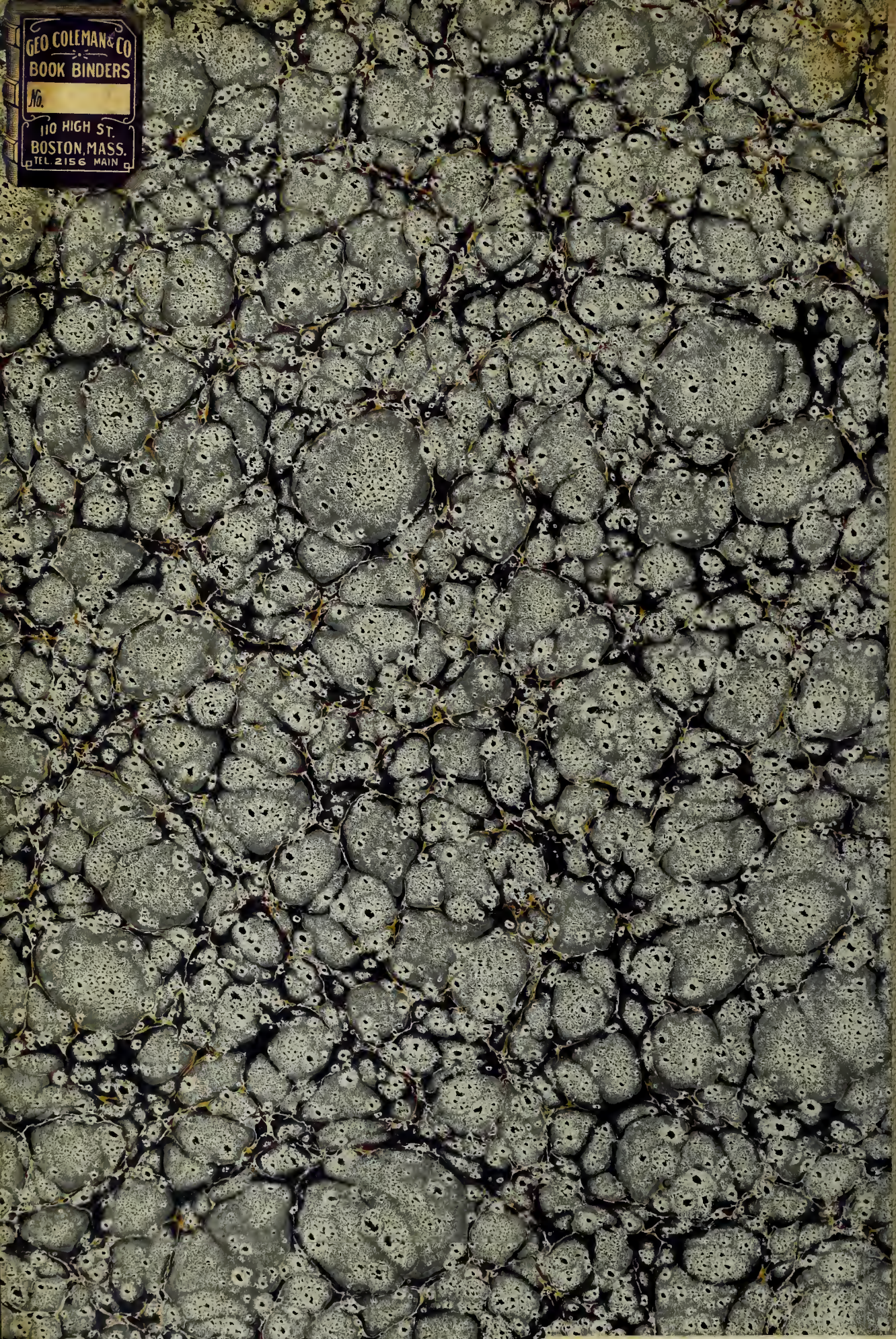

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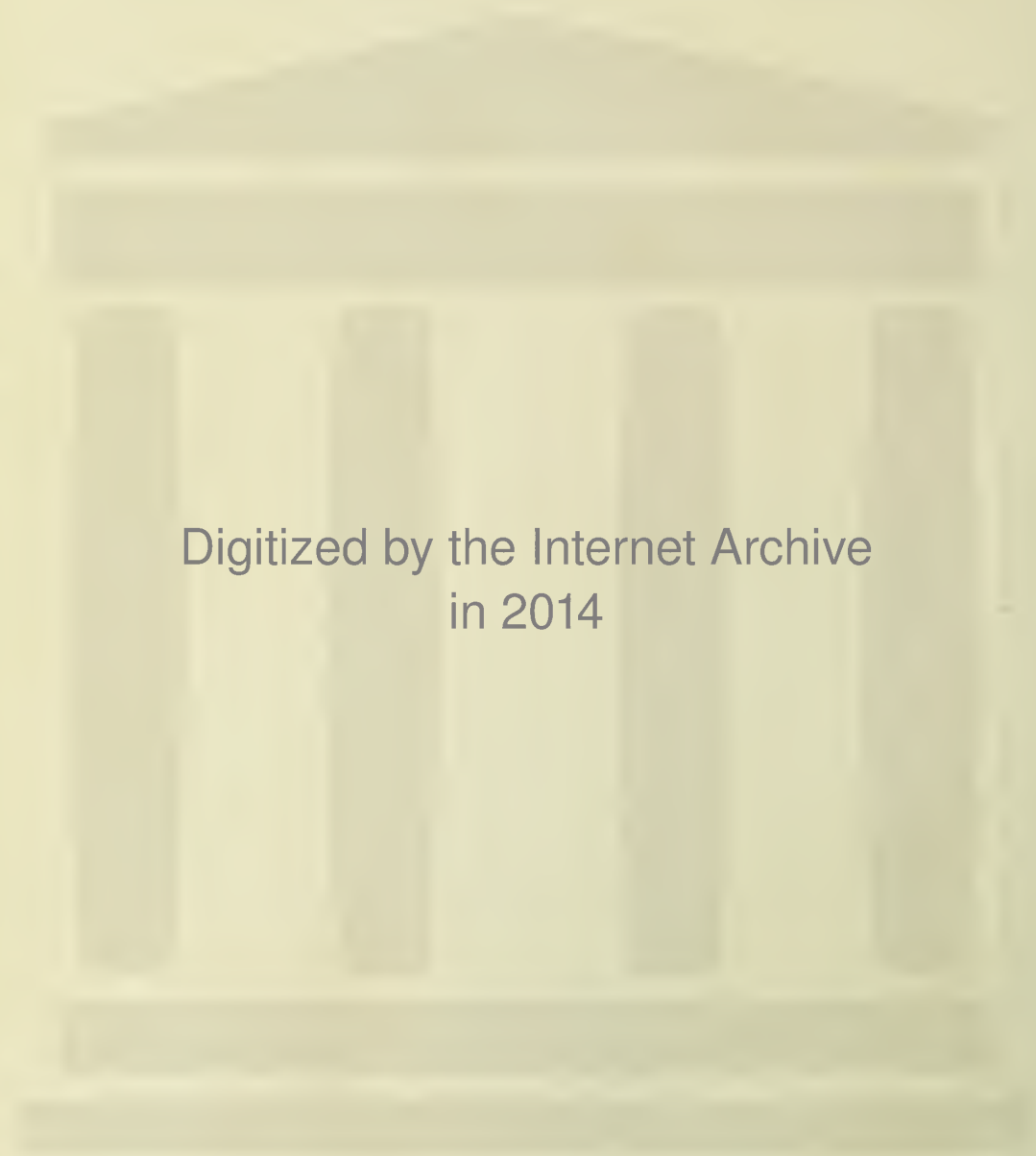

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BOSTON, JANUARY 12, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A conference was held with City Solicitor Babson and S. R. Knights, in regard to the value of the Randolph street property taken for the Ward 9 playground. Subsequently an offer of $8,000 was made to the Boston Industrial Home in full for damages for the taking of its stable on Randolph street.

A communication from J. L. Nason and Company, requesting the Board to consider the value of the Albany street land and buildings owned by James N. Thompson, Trustee, and report to them, was received and laid over.

A report of the Committee of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, in charge of the Women's and Children's Division at Charlesbank, of the work of the past year, was received for publication in the annual report of the Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Order of the Common Council requesting the Board to report to the Council the cost of establishing and equipping a playground in the Jamaica Plain district of Ward 23; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request from H. F. Gregg, that the Board approve the entrance of Gregg street into the Arborway, at its junction with Pond street, in accordance with a plan dated January 11, 1904, was received and laid over.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 13, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Guy Lowell in regard to the plans for the Charles River Embankment, in the rear of Beacon street, was received and placed on file.

An offer of $51,750 was made through J. L. Nason and Company to James N. Thompson, for damages on account of land taken from him for the Ward 9 Playground.

VOTED, that the plan of a proposed street on land of H. F. Gregg, to connect with the Arborway and Pond street, drawn by W. C. Bates, Surveyor, and dated January 11. 1904, be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on said plan.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 2, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the disposition of the material proposed to be excavated from the Fens' basin, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council in regard to lighting Wood Island Park for skaters; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for approval of plan to locate the curve in the street railway tracks at Anawan avenue and Beach street across the lands taken for the West Roxbury Parkway; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Boston Elevated Railway Company to construct the curve in its tracks at the corner of Anawan avenue and Beach street across lands of the West Roxbury Parkway, as shown by the lines in green on the plan of A. L. Plimpton, Civil Engineer, dated January 6, 1904, on condition that said tracks be removed when Belgrade avenue is extended across the Parkway, or whenever the Company is notified by this Board so to do.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of George W. Fowle for the conveyance to him of a right of way across the lands taken for the West Roxbury Parkway, for entrance to his lot until the parkway is completed; and the matter was referred to the Secretary to notify his counsel, Mr, Bakin, that the Board cannot grant Mr. Fowle's request.

A communication from T. M. Clark relative to convenient access to his house for supply wagons, also communication from the Police Board and report from the Superintendent regarding the same matter were received and placed on file.

A communication was received from J. L. Nason representing his desire for

a settlement of the land damage case of James N. Thompson, Trustee, and suggesting that the Board take into account the damage to his wharf property by the taking of the Ward 9 Playground, was received; and the Secretary was directed to confer with Mr. Nason in regard to the matter.

A petition from Messrs Carret, Chase and Hay for the payment to John L. White of the amount due him on account of a mortgage on a part of the Chestnut Hill estate taken by the City from Frederick J. White, the City to take an assignment of said mortgage, was received; and the Secretary was directed to confer with the Law Department in regard to the proposed assignment.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company relative to defects in the underground service at the Nursery, Franklin Park, was received; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A petition from Charles L. Miller and many others, expressing appreciation of the management of the toboggan chutes at Franklin Park, was received and placed on file.

An application from Michael Green for a carriage stand on Commonwealth avenue, opposite Charlesgate East, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

An application from S. I. Hudgens for a renewal of his burro privilege at Franklin and Marine Parks, was received; and it was

VOTED, that S. I. Hudgens be permitted to keep a burro and pony stand at Franklin and Marine parks, for this season, provided that he gives a ride of 850 feet for five cents, and that the burros and pony and their equipment are satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

VOTED, to authorize the Boston Elevated Railway Company to dump snow, during the present season, at such places on the Strandway near Newman street as the Superintendent may direct.

A report from the Superintendent, and correspondence with the Company in regard to the matter were placed on file.

VOTED, that the salary of Arthur E. Ogden, clerk, be increased from twelve dollars to fifteen dollars per week, from February 1, 1904.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 24, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from W.D. Loring, Clerk of the Harvard Improvement Association, regarding the projected improvements at Franklin Field; and the Secretary was directed to reply to Mr. Loring in accordance therewith.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from W.H.H. Emmons, Chairman Board of Police, regarding complaints that horses are frightened while crossing the bridge over the tracks at Charlesgate West.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication to him from Ellery H. Clark, Chairman Committee on High Schools of the School Committee, regarding the making of special arrangements in playgrounds for high school pupils; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to write to Mr. Clark or confer with him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on work in connection with the construction of Columbia Road to be done by the Street Department, also some correspondence between Miss Perry, Librarian at the Franklin Park library, and the Master of the Gibson School, with regard to a more extended use of the library by the pupils of the school.

Executive Circular, No. 23, requesting a list of employees and salaries paid, was received and referred to the Secretary to supply the Mayor with a list.

An order of the City Council relative to the use of private pleasure boats on Jamaica Pond was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Mayor accompanying a letter from the Metropolitan Park Commission, in regard to the extension of Everett street, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Metropolitan Park Commission accompanying taking No. 443, of land on Western avenue, Brighton, for an addition to the speedway section of the Charles River Reservation, was received; and it was

VOTED, to concur in said taking. Subsequently the members of the Board signed the written instrument concurring therein.

A communication from Victor J. Loring relative to the continuance of the complaint filed in the district court by the Wellesley Park Commissioners, under the billboard act, was received and placed on file.

Mr. Francis J. McLaughlin came before the Board in the matter of the valuation of the Randolph street property. He submitted estimates which he had

drawn up for the Law Department, and gave his reasons in detail for the values he had placed on the several properties taken. The estimates were placed on file.

VOTED, to advertise the following notice to owners of teams:

Applications for furnishing teams for work in the Park Department, for the coming season, will be received only until 12 M. of Saturday, March 12, 1904, at the office of the Board, Pine Bank, Jamaica Plain. Applications must be on blank forms furnished by the Department, and in accordance with the printed notice now being issued from said office.

A committee of the South Boston Citizen's Association, consisting of William J. Feeley, M.J.Mahoney, S.W.Johnson, and E.P.Barry, accompanied by Alderman Slattery, came before the Board in regard to the dredging of the flats between Old Harbor Point and I street, and the construction of a boat landing at Burnham's wharf. Mr. Feeley said that the purpose the Citizen's Association have in view is to dredge the flats in order not only to beautify the basin, but to add to its sanitary value and incidentally add a considerable area of filled land to the playground. They also desired a public landing at Burnham's wharf so that steamboats could land at this point and take passengers to Castle Island. Mr. Feeley said that if it was not feasible to do the dredging all at once it might be done by installments.

Mr. Barry stated that, while he did not approve of the Strandway and believed that it would eventually be used for commercial purposes, and that South Boston was not so well off to-day as before the work was undertaken, yet, undoubtedly, the improvements suggested by Mr. Feeley would make a great improvement in the neighborhood, and would please the public. He said the dredging of the flats would add to the attractiveness of the Strandway and do away with the unpleasant odor from the flats, which the people living in the neighborhood now suffer. It would also add to the yacht anchorage, and, with a landing at Burnham's wharf, would accommodate a large number of yacht owners and business men.

Mr. Johnson said that he did not agree with Mr. Barry as to the future of that section of South Boston lying south of Broadway and east of Dorchester street, which is wholly residential in character, and, in his opinion, is more beautified by the park than it would be by wharves. He said the flats were always unbearable in summer and would be a great detriment to the pleasure drive.

Mr. Mahoney stated that abreast of the brewery is the worst place, and the dredging of the flats near this shore was of the most importance.

Alderman Slattery corroborated what had been said by the previous speakers, and said that, while it may not be possible to get a large appropriation

for the work, a beginning might be made if the Commissioners would say what would be a reasonable sum to work with. The Chairman said the Board would look into the matter and communicate further with the Committee.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 7, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Prendergast, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a partial improvement of the flats at the Strandway, as suggested by the Committee of the Citizen's Association of South Boston; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate the substance of the report to the Committee.

A communication from the Metropolitan Park Commission, accompanying a copy of Taking 446, of land in Brighton from Henry P. Goodenough, for extension of Everett street, was received; and it was

VOTED, to concur in said taking, the members of the Board signing the written instrument concurring therein.

A communication from Messrs Merriam, Hooper, and Hilton, in behalf of Mrs. Margaret P. Russell, Executrix of the will of Ellen C. Johnson, stating that thebalance of the fund devised by her for the purpose of constructing a public fountain had been paid to the City for the maintenance and repair of the fountain, and requesting the Board to make provision for man as well as for beast in accordance with the donor's intention, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the agent of the White Star Line, agreeing to be responsible for the cost of repairs to the fender guard and railing of the pier at North End Beach, was received; and the Superintendent was authorized to proceed with the work.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to transfer to the Bath Department the buildings and all other properties at the North End Beach, was received and placed on file.

An application from Antonio Gregori for a renewal of the refreshment privilege at Castle Island was received, and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the Massachusetts Board of Managers for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, relative to a municipal exhibit, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Mr. Hosea Hyde, Special Agent Department of Right of Way, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, came before the Board with reference to the long-distance wires which cross Columbia Road at Mt. Vernon street. Mr. Hyde stated that the Company has a great deal of trouble with the cable carrying the telephone wires under the bridge at this point, due to boys damaging the cable, which allows water to get in and thereby interrupts the service . Mr. Hyde said that these interruptions were a tremendous detriment to the business of the country, and that very many and serious complaints of the service are made, and that it costs considerable to repair the damages and renew carbons burnt out in electric storms, and that the resistance caused by the cable is equal to twenty-eight miles of open wire, which is an objectionable feature in long-distance telephone service. Mr. Hyde said further that the cable boxes and platforms were unsightly, and that the Company would put up straight, well-painted poles, and allow the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company to place their wires on the poles, thereby doing away with the poles and wires on Buttonwood street. Mr. Hyde said that the wires were small, and that putting them overhead would improve the appearance of the parkway rather than disfigure it. The Board took the matter under advisement.

Patrick H. Cronan, Cornelius Buckley and Martin Murray, a committee of laborers in the Park Department, came before the Board and asked that the men be put on full time. Mr. Cronan said that it was hard for the men and their families to be kept on half-time so long, and that many of the men had obtained no outside work. The Chairman stated in reply that the men would be put back to work as soon as the state of the ground would permit.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Bridget A. Black the amount due her late husband, John Black, on the pay-rolls of this Department.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to make a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of John L. White for the sum of $16,655.83, being the amount due him on account of a mortgage on a part of the Chestnut Hill estate taken by the City from Frederick J. White, upon the said John L. White's giving an assignment of said mortgage and the note and debt secured thereby satisfactory to the Law Department, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Chestnut Hill Park.

The Superintendent submitted the bids for an iron fence at Charlestown Playground received December 28, 1903, also modified proposals submitted in

answer to the Engineer's request of January 5, 1904, and recommended that the original bid of the Rogers Iron Company, which was the lowest bidder, be accepted, provided they will make the rails 2" x 11/16" x 5/16" and deduct $130 on account of deficiencies in the First Street Playground fence. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, to accept the bid of the Rogers Iron Company, subject to the conditions proposed by the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 21, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from John H. Colby with reference to the City's rights of way in Foster street slip, North End Beach. Messrs Colby, Rudnick, and Nichols also came before the Board. Mr. Colby stated that his clients contended that they owned the fee in Foster street slip, and that they had asked the Court of Land Registration to confirm their title, and that the examiner for the Court concurred in this view of it, but that the City put in evidence to show that the Park Commissioners had taken the fee in the westerly half of the passageway, and also claimed rights of way in the easterly half. The Court found according to the City's contention, but no plan has been filed, and the petitioners have taken an appeal to the Superior Court. Mr. Colby said that the finding of the Court leaves about seven feet of Foster street slip in which the City and Fiske's wharf have rights of way, but that his clients have arrived at an agreement by which the latter may build over the passageway, provided they widen it to 20 feet, and give Fiske's wharf the right to use it. This proposition they also make to the City, which gives up nothing but the right to use a passageway varying from three to seven feet in width asagainst one of twenty feet in width. This, they claim,would better the condition of the City, aside from the fact that the City had taken rights in the westerly half of the passageway, for which the estate now represented by his clients had received no pay. Mr. Nichols said that he concurred in what Mr.Colby

had said, and that he thought the proposition was a good one for the City. The Chairman said that the Board would look at the premises before deciding the matter.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of the proposed park at Craigie bridge, to be constructed by the Charles River Basin Commission.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Frank Feather for a refreshment stand in the Overlook, Franklin Park, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to interview Mr. Feather as to what he desires to do.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting this Board to report to them the advisability of securing the land bounded by M and N and East Eighth and East Ninth streets for park or playground purposes; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to locate poles on Bellevue street, West Roxbury; and the Secretary was directed to notify the Company to confer with the Engineer in regard thereto.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the applications for positions of matron in the Golf House and the Arboretum sanitary building; and the Superintendent was authorized to appoint Mrs. Maria Baker and Mrs. Winifred Redding to said positions.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Antonio Gregori for a renewal of the Castle Island concession; and it was

VOTED, that the exclusive right of selling refreshments at Castle Island, heretofore granted to Antonio Gregori, be extended for three years, on the same terms as before.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of George E. Gay, Director of the Educational Department, Board of Managers for Massachusetts of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, in regard to making a park exhibit at the Exposition; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for further consideration.

VOTED, that, whereas, by an act of this Board, passed August 7, 1903, a parcel of land supposed to belong to the Boston Industrial Home, situate on Randolph street in said Boston, and containing 3225 square feet, was taken for a playground, there be awarded and paid to the said Boston Industrial Home the sum of eight thousand dollars upon its proving title thereto, and giving a deed or release of the same, including an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Wards 7 and 9 Playground.

Jer. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 28, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the appropriation of $200 for a merry-go-round for Mystic playground, to be constructed by the Department; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to construct the same.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council referring to settees on Bromley Park, the placing of park employees on full time, and the plowing and rolling of the Marcella Street Playground; and the several matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Secretary was directed to notify Michael Green that the Board cannot grant his request for a cabstand at Charlesgate East and Commonwealth avenue.

The Superintendent submitted a report from the Engineer in regard to the petition of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to the Board of Aldermen, for the location of telephone poles on the westerly side of Old Colony avenue and Columbia Road, which was placed on file.

Applications to the Board of Police for the appointment of Jeremiah J. Downey, James F. Hurley, and Patrick P. McNamara, as special police officers at Christopher Gibson Playground, Neponset Playground, and Franklin Field, respectively, and on abutting and boundary streets within 500 feet therefrom, were approved by the Board.

A communication from D. L. Prendergast, in the interest of T. J.Leary's application for a position at Christopher Gibson Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A request of the East Boston Cricket Club for permission to play schedule games at Wood Island Park, during the coming season, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the East Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, to use a portion of the playground at Wood Island Park, for the purpose of playing cricket, during the season of 1904.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 4, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Miss Perry on the nature library scheme, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from J.W.M. Vine, Secretary Roxbury Cricket Club, regarding the use of grounds at Franklin Field for cricket, during the season of 1904; and the communication was referred to the Superintendent to arrange the matter of games with the clubs using the grounds.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of F. E. Bridgman, Manager of the Boylston Church Base Ball Club, that the Club be permitted to use the playground at Franklin Park for practice and match games, during the season of 1904; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from G. F. Abbott, requesting that a bicycle path be constructed along the path from Blue Hill avenue to the drive in Franklin Park, and the Secretary was directed to reply thereto in accordance with the Superintendent's report.

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to remove the flagstaff from near the Farragut statue to another location.

The Secretary was directed to notify the South Boston Yacht Club that the Board expects the Club to improve its grounds, as required by the lease.

An order of the City Council requesting the use of the road around Wood Island Park by people in pleasure vehicles, in addition to its present use by foot passengers only, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Board of Police, calling attention to the lack of notices regarding exclusion of automobiles from the park roads, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, acknowledging receipt of the communication of the Board in relation to trees on the public ways adjacent to parks and parkways, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company making apologies for the cutting off of the limbs of a tree at Christopher Gibson Playground, and requesting that their overhead wires may remain until they can arrange for their removal, was received; and the Secretary was directed to ask what is the shortest time in which they can arrange for the removal of the wires.

A petition of Daniel V. McIsaac and others for a location on the Strandway, for the Washington Village Yacht Club, was received and placed on file, the matter having already been attended to.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 26, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report calling attention to the condition of the maintenance appropriation and the need of retrenchment; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to discharge about sixty men.

The following City Council orders were received:

"In Board of Aldermen, April 4, 1904

"ORDERED: That the Board of Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, be and they are hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the City, to enter into an agreement satisfactory to the Law Department relating to the boundary line between North End Playground and land adjoining on the southeast formerly belonging to Charles A. Mc.Donough, Trustee.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. April 7 came up concurred.

Approved by the Mayor April 18, 1904."

"In Common Council, April 14,1904

"ORDERED: That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to pay the same amount to the teams working in the Park Department as the teams in the various other departments of the City received.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, April 18,concurred."

"In Board of Aldermen, April 11,1904

"ORDERED: That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to proceed at once with the laying out and construction of the Speedway at Franklin Field; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation already made for the same purpose.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. April 14 came up concurred."

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Water Commissioner submitting plans of proposed relocation of water pipes in Commonwealth avenue, made necessary by the construction of the new Stony Brook conduit, and proposed method of crossing the bridge over the waterway; and it was

VOTED, to approve the plans.

The Superintendent submitted a report stating that the position of instructor at Wood Island Park is now vacant, and suggesting that the position be offered to John D. O'Reilly, and that the terms of service of athletic instructors in the department be for six months only. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to appoint John D. O'Reilly instructor at Wood Island Park gymnasium, at the rate of $30.00 per month; and to make the terms of all athletic instructors for a period of six months, during the summer season.

The Superintendent reported that he had arranged with Mrs. Wells, of the Committee of the Massachusetts Emergency & Hygiene Association, for conducting the work at Charlesbank whereby the Committee will dispense with the services of one assistant during the summer, thereby decreasing the expenses twelve dollars per week; and it was

VOTED, to approve the arrangement.

A communication from the Parade Committee of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, requesting the use of Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington street and Massachusetts avenue, for the formation of the parade August 16 next, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Parade Committee of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic be permitted to use Commonwealth avenue for the formation of the parade August 16 next, provided they obtain from the Board of Police the detail of a sufficient number of police to protect the trees and other property of this department from injury, and otherwise make arrangements satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent stated that the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company desired permission to erect a temporary pole and overhead wire service to the Sewer Division's headquarters in the Fens; and it was

VOTED, that the Secretary issue a permit for said purpose, the location of the temporary pole to be approved by the Superintendent.

A communication from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, stating that they have removed their wires from Christopher Gibson Playground was received and placed on file; and the Secretary was instructed to render a bill of $50.00 to the Company for damage to a tree caused by the Company's employees.

A communication from the South Boston Yacht Club in reference to the condition of the front of their clubhouse, and requesting a conference, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Grenville D. Braman requesting a hearing for himself and others with reference to obtaining an entrance from the Fens to the four lots of land on the Westland entrance, at the corner of Hemenway street, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the United Improvement Council of Dorchester, in regard to the condition of Franklin Field, was received; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from the Music Trustees, requesting permission to give band concerts in the public parks, in accordance with the schedule submitted with their letter, was received; and it was

VOTED, to approve the schedule, and to authorize the Music Trustees to give the concerts there specified, under the same conditions as formerly.

A communication from the Metropolitan Park Commission enclosing deed of conveyance No.448, from the Commonwealth to the City of Boston, of land in the Brighton district formerly part of the Charles River Reservation, was received, and the Commissioners signed the written concurrence attached to the deed.

A communication from the Bumpkin Island Outing Club, asking for an extension of time in which to remove their building from the Strandway, was received; and it was

VOTED, to extend the time to May 1.

A petition from Andrew J. Peters and others, asking that an entrance for pedestrians to the Peters Hill section of the Arnold Arboretum be constructed on Walter street, between the Cemetery and Weld street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Alderman Kneeland stating that, at his suggestion, an extra amount was added to the appropriation for Park Department, in view of the necessity of spending $10,000 for placing the Washington street playground, Ward 23, in proper condition, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Hon. Samuel L. Powers, stating that the bill for transferring the custody of certain obsolete ordnance to the City of Boston had passed the United States House of Representatives, was received and placed on file.

A communication opposing the petition of H. H. McInnes for a license for musical and other entertainments at Marine Park Hall, for the season ending August 1, 1904, was approved; and the Secretary was directed to present it at a hearing before the Committee on Licenses of the City Council.

The Superintendent reported that the buildings at the Marcella Street Playground seem entirely unsuited for any purpose connected with the playground, and recommended their removal; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor in regard to their disposition.

Communications from A. B. Silsbee and the Board of Police, regarding the posting of notices of regulations for motor vehicles on those roads that are closed to automobiles at certain hours, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 2, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board proceeded to reorganize by electing a chairman and a secretary for the ensuing year. The question on the election of a chairman being put by the Secretary, Messrs Pratt and Prendergast voted for Mr. Stratton: Mr. Stratton did not vote. The question of the election of a secretary being put, Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast voted for George F. Clarke.

VOTED, that the chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

VOTED, that Mr. Pratt be chairman pro tem.,and be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the chairman.

VOTED, that Mr. Prendergast be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the chairman and chairman pro tem.

VOTED, that the chairman be authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the Board.

The following was received and placed on file:

"In Board of Cambridge Bridge Commissioners
April 22, 1904.

"On motion, it was

VOTED: That the Park Department of the City of Boston be requested to move the gymnasium building located on Charlesbank to a situation where, in the opinion of the Engineer of the Commission, it will not interfere with the approach to the Cambridge Bridge on the Boston side, and also to make such changes in the surrounding grounds as may be rendered necesary thereby, the expense incurred to be paid by this Commission as a portion of the cost

of the bridge.

A true copy.

Attest: Patrick A. Collins, Chairman."

The superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Frank Feather, in which he agrees to pay for all gas and water used by him at the Overlook, and to keep a neat place at moderate prices, recommending that the refreshment privilege be given to Mr. Feather for one year. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, that Frank Feather be permitted to keep a refreshment stand at the Overlook, Franklin Park, for this season, under the control of the Superintendent of Parks, and upon the conditions named in his letter of April 25, 1904.

The superintendent submitted a sketch plan for the outfall of the foul-flow conduit at Charles river, which was approved.

The superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Roslindale Citizen's Association, received through Councilman James A.Price, requesting that seats be provided at Peters Hill and at Roslindale Playground, and that an entrance for pedestrians to Peters Hill be made from a point adjoining the cemetery on Walter street; and the secretary was directed to reply that the Board would be pleased to furnish the seats desired by the Association at Peters Hill and Roslindale Playground if they are given an appropriation for construction to which the expense could be charged, and that the Board has under consideration the matter of an entrance for pedestrians to the Peters Hill section of the Arboretum, from Walter street near the cemetery.

The superintendent submitted a report on the communication from John H. Sullivan complaining that in the employment of teams his team was discriminated against; and the secretary was directed to reply in accordance with the superintendent's report.

A communication from the secretary of the United Improvement Council of Dorchester, transmitting a vote of that organization asking the Board to have Franklin Field put in order this spring, also a communication from A. H. Peters, Special Agent of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, notifying the Board of an electrical convention to be held at Hotel Vendome on the week beginning May 23, and requesting that no street openings be permitted at that time, were received and placed on file.

Geo. W. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 9, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Cambridge Bridge Commission, relative to the removal of the women's gymnasium building at Charlesbank to a point northward of its present location, to permit of the laying out of the approach to the Cambridge bridge; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the superintendent to do the work, the expense to be charged to the Cambridge Bridge Commission.

The superintendent submitted a report on a communication from the Cigarmakers Union in regard to their signs on a refreshment stand at L street, requesting that they be allowed to remain this season; and the matter was referred to the chairman for reply.

The superintendent submitted a report with alternative plans and estimates for a speedway at Franklin Field; and the matter was referred to the chairman to submit the plans to the Mayor.

The superintendent submitted a report recommending the adoption of an additional golf rule; and it was

VOTED, that the regulations for golf adopted August 31, 1903, be amended by inserting after rule 4 the following,- 5 The player shall play from the tees furnished by the Park Commissioners and not from the turf surrounding them,-and that the rules following be renumbered accordingly.

Executive Circular,No. 28, directing that leave of absence be granted to all employees who are members of the G. A. R. to attend the National Encampment in August, was received and placed on file.

The superintendent submitted a report on Meyer Bloomfield's letter in regard to finishing the work at Prince Street Playground; and the secretary was directed to reply that the work will be done as soon as the press of spring work is over.

Orders of the Common Council regarding the reinstatement of laborers, the employment of suspended men on the proposed speedway construction, and inquiring as to the reason for suspending the men, were received and referred to the chairman to reply to the mayor.

An order of the Common Council requesting that North Brighton Playground be rolled was received and placed on file, the superintendent stating that the ground had been rolled.

A communication from the South Boston Yacht Club requesting that the Park Department do the work on their grounds at the expense of the club was

received; and the superintendent was authorized to do the work and charge the expense to the club.

A committee from the Roslindale Base-Ball and Athletic Association, asking the Board to fix a time when a committee of the club can meet the Board, was received and laid over.

A petition from Richard Olney and others, in aid of the application of Michael Green for a cab stand at Charlesgate East, was received; and the secretary was directed to reply to Mr. Green.

Petitions from members of the Massachusetts Automobile Club and others, requesting that the parkways be open to motor vehicles at all hours, were received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the general rules adopted by this Board August 31, 1903, be amended by striking out in rule 4 the words,"except in accordance with the regulations of the Park Commissioners," and inserting in place thereof the words:-in Franklin Park or Arnold Arboretum except on Glen Lane or Forest Hills Road; also by inserting in rule 6, after the word "road" the words:-and in the case of a motor vehicle, with its machinery kept at rest while stopping.

VOTED, that the regulations for motor vehicles adopted August 31,1903, be rescinded.

A communication from John T. Murray to Alderman Slattery in regard to the condition of the government pier on Castle Island was received and referred to the chairman for reply.

A communication from Katherine Dexter,stating the need of a path across the green of Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate East, was received; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the superintendent to construct a footpath at the point referred to by Miss Dexter.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 16, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The superintendent submitted a report on the matter of placing a drinking

fountain in Rogers Park, as requested in an order of the Common Council of May 5; and the superintendent was authorized to place an ordinary faucet within the grounds on the Lake-street side.

The superintendent submitted a report in regard to the finish of the wall of the new building to be erected adjoining North End Beach, to make it useful for hand-ball. Subsequently the Board approved and signed the agreement prepared by the Law Department relating to the boundary line.

The superintendent submitted a report on the request of the South Boston Citizen's Association for the erection of three shelters at Marine Park; and the matter was referred to the chairman for reply.

The superintendent submitted a report on the petition of the Boston Work Horse Parade Association to use a part of Commonwealth avenue, on the occasion of their annual parade; and it was

VOTED, that the Boston Work Horse Parade be permitted to pass through Commonwealth avenue, from the junction of Beacon street and Brookline avenue to Massachusetts avenue, on May 30.

The superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Hon. Fred S. Gore relative to settees in Dorchester Park; and the secretary was directed to reply.

The superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for the use of Wood Island Park, June 18 or 25, for an out-door athletic meet similar to that held last year; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request under the direction of the superintendent.

The superintendent submitted a report on the cost of a bath locker building at Savin Hill Beach; and the superintendent was authorized to invite proposals for its erection.

A communication from the Trustees of the Chestnut Hill Land Trust offering to sell the city a parcel of land adjoining Chestnut Hill Park, for 12 cents per foot, was received; and the secretary was directed to reply that the Board has no funds at their disposal which can be devoted to this purpose.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company requesting the removal of three trees necessitated by the construction of a third track or siding on Blue Hill avenue, opposite Elmo street, was received; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the company to remove the trees.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, with a report from the Deputy Superintendent of the Paving Division, relative to the condition of South street between the Arboretum gates, was received and placed on file.

A communication from J. L. Mason relative to a settlement for the land and buildings taken from James M. Thompson, Trustee, on Albany street, was received and laid over.

A request of D. W. Waldron to hold a series of picnics in Franklin Park was received, and referred to the superintendent for report.

Communications from the Massachusetts Automobile Club acknowledging the letter of the Board of May 10, also from the Board of Police acknowledging the receipt of amendment of park rules, were received and placed on file.

A request was made to the Board of Police for the appointment of Thomas Carroll as a special police officer at Marcella Street Playground and vicinity.

A communication from the Treasurer of Harvard College stating that the College Corporation is ready to carry out the plan for an exchange of land to straighten the boundary between The Soldier's Field and North Brighton Playground, on the terms originally proposed, was received; and the matter was referred to the Law Department to prepare the necessary papers.

VOTED, that the age limit on the Franklin Park playground be raised from seventeen to nineteen years;also that notices pertaining to the use of the playground, similar to those at Fellows Street Playground, be posted at Prince Street Playground.

Mr. Charles E. Park submitted plans for a building which he is about to erect at the corner of Charlesgate West and Newbury street, to be known as the Newbury Street Apartments, and asked that the Board approve the roof, cornice, and other fixtures which are above the seventy-foot limit. It was thereupon,

VOTED, that the elevations shown on the plans for the Newbury Street Apartments above seventy feet in height be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval upon the plans.

Alderman Bromberg, Alderman Kneeland, Representative Leonard, F. W. Whitely, Secretary Roslindale Citizen's Association, and Messrs George J. Wilkinson, Henry A. Fisher, H. A. Gilman, and Paul Jepson, members of a committee of the Roslindale Baseball and Athletic Association, came before the Board. Both Alderman Bromberg and Alderman Kneeland addressed the Board, calling attention to the great need of improvements in the Roslindale and the Forest Hills playgrounds, and stating that the Committee on Appropriations of the City Council had added $12,500 to the appropriation for the Park Department for the purpose of putting these grounds in order and increasing the bathhouse accommodations at Savin Hill Beach. Mr. Kneeland said that they found they could not order the Board to do these things, but could get the money and request the Board to carry them out. The approximate

cost of putting the Forest Hills Playground in good condition was $10,000, but they would be satisfied if $4000 was spent there and $500 for Roslindale Playground.

Representative Leonard stated that the main thing to provide for at Roslindale Playground is the base-ball game. Bleachers are needed and should be made a permanent thing.

Mr. Wilkinson said that his Association had spent $1200 for base-ball last year, and it would probably spend $2000 this year. This is raised by membership fees, the sale of score cards,and from what subscriptions they can get outside of the grounds. He said that Mr. Jepson took charge of the Fourth of July entertainment last year, when two ball games were given. There is no lawn, nor are there proper facilities for women and children who come to see these games. The Association would be glad to dispense with the grading if bleachers are erected. Mr. Wilkinson said further that the Roslindale Citizen's Association is in favor of the seats being furnished.

The Chairman stated that the Board would take the matter under consideration.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 23, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt,and Prendergast, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the park laborers for a holiday for their annual picnic, also on the request of park employees that pay be allowed for February 22 to those men who were not working during the week in which the holiday occurred, recommending that the latter request be not granted; and it was

VOTED, to allow the men a holiday for a picnic, on such day as they may select, without loss of pay in part compensation for their services.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the requests of the Bath Department that Messrs Driscoll and Conroy, employees of the Bath Department, be considered for playground positions, also on the breaking of windows in the Wood Island Park bathhouses, and his instructions to the caretaker to look after the buildings in the future, which were placed onfile.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to speedways, also a plan for a speedway in Franklin Field in extension of Stratton street; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor and the Street Commissioners.

A request of the Massachusetts Automobile Club for permission to hold its annual parade on a part of Commonwealth avenue and at Chestnut Hill Park, on May 28, was received; and it was

VOTED, to permit the Massachusetts Automobile Club to hold an automobile parade in Commonwealth avenue between Arlington street andMassachusetts avenue, and in Chestnut Hill Park, on Saturday, May 28, on condition that a suitable detail of police be provided to protect the property of the city from injury.

A communication from Randall G. Morris calling attention tothe breaking of glass at Reed's Block by balls and stones thrown fromthe Randolph Street Playground, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply.

A communication from Acting Superintendent of Streets Macksey relative to completion of work on Columbia Road, between the railroad bridge and Burnham's wharf, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Metropolitan Park Commission requesting concurrence in deed of conveyance 451, from the commonwealth to Henry B.Goodenough, of land taken for the Charles River Reservation, was received; and it was

VOTED, to concur in said conveyance. Subsequently the members of the Board signed the written instrument concurring therein.

A communication from the Board of Police acknowledging the letter of the Chairman of the Board with reference to lilacs, etc., in the Arboretum, and from the State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Massachusetts and Rhode Island acknowledging the vote of the Board granting the use of Wood Island Park for an athletic meet, were received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Mrs. Ellen McManey, widow of Joseph McManey, the amount due him on the pay-rolls of this department.

A request of Dahlgren Corps No. 20 for permission to use the space on the water front adjoining the South Boston Yacht Club house, for memorial services, May 30, was received; and it was

VOTED, to permit Dahlgren Corps 20 to use the water front on the Strandway adjoining the South Boston Yacht Club house, during the hours from 10 to 12 on May 30, for Decoration Day services.

An application from John F. Ward for the privilege of selling souvenir

post cards, etc., at Marine Park, was received; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

The following proposals for building a boy's bathhouse at Savin Hill Beach were received:

Wilbur J. Hatch,	$800.00
I. G. Hamilton,	850.00
James F. Flaherty,	998.00
George H. Barker,	1002.00
William Riley,	1041.00
John J. Flynn,	1182.00

and it was

VOTED, to award the contract to Wilbur J. Hatch.

VOTED, that Guy Lowell, Landscape Architect, be appointed advisor to the Board in the matter of the proposed embankment on Charles river authorized by chapter 465 of the acts of 1903, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Ed. H. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 31, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on ferry service to Castle Island and on Mr. Hudson's request for approval of his application for a seven-day victualler's license at the public landing; and it was

VOTED, to approve of Mr. Hudson's application for a seven-day victualler's license.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Bacon and Tarbell's application for a renewal of their carriage concession at Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, that the carriage privilege heretofore granted to Bacon and Tarbell, in Franklin Park, be extended for one year on the same conditions as before.

VOTED, that the regulations for the Franklin Park carriage service be amended so as to read as follows:

Park carriages will stand at Blue Hill avenue entrance after eleven o'clock A. M., weather being good, and will go over the route with four or

more passengers, but no more passengers are to be taken than the seating capacity will permit.

The fare over the route or any part of the route is not to exceed twenty-five cents; except that the fare from Scarboro' pond, or for any less distance, to the park entrance shall not exceed ten cents.

The route is from Blue Hill avenue entrance by way of the Circuit Drive to the Valley Gate; thence making the circuit of the Playstead, stopping at the Overlook; thence by the Circuit Drive to Schoolmaster Hill and the east entrance of the Loop Roads; thence by the easterly Loop Road through the Wilderness, by way of Hagborne Hill, to the Circuit Drive; thence by the Circuit Drive, by way of Scarboro' Pond, to the place of starting. A passenger desiring to be put down at the Overlook, Schoolmaster Hill, the Wilderness, Hagborne Hill, Ellicottdale, or Scarboro' Pond, may afterwards enter any carriage having a vacant seat without the payment of additional fare.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of D. W. Waldron for a series of picnics in Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, that the Managers of the Fresh Air Fund be authorized to hold a series of picnics, for five days beginning July 26, in Long Crouch Woods, Franklin Park, under the usual conditions and with the same privileges that have been accorded them in past years.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Mr.Beckley for permission to use an automobile in Franklin Park and the Arboretum, for the purpose of securing views for publication in Country Life in America; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Chairman Lane of the Bath Department and others for the appointment of certain persons as playground instructors; and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposed exchange of rooms between the Naval Brigade of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia and the U. S. Volunteer Life Saving Crew at the Head House, recommending that no change be made; and it was

VOTED, to make no change in the assignment of rooms as requested by the U. S. Volunteer Life Saving Crew.

A request of Alderman Daniel A. Whelton that J. E. Winston be granted a permit to sell refreshments at Wood Island Park, July 4th, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Boston Veterinary Hospital regarding the post mortem examination of a swan was received and placed on file.

A request of the Bath Trustees for the transfer to them of North End Beach and Charlestown Beach for the season from June 15, 1904 to June 15,1905, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the care and control of the bathhouses and piers at North End Beach, including the beach and grounds northerly of Commercial street, be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15, 1904 to June 15, 1905, upon the following terms; namely,-

1. The said baths and piers, beach and grounds, shall be open to this Board at all times, and the right is reserved to maintain a boat landing at the end of the westerly pier of the North End Beach, including the privilege of furnishing light refreshments at said landing.

2. The Bath Department shall keep said premises clean and well lighted, heated, watched,and guarded during said term, and shall employ such attendants as may be necessary for the purpose.

3. This Board reserves the right to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

VOTED, that the care and control of the beach at Charlestown Heights be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15, 1904 to June 15, 1905, reserving the right to this Board to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

A communication from the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association requesting privileges at Jamaica Pond, July 4th, was received; and it was

VOTED, to grant the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association the use of Jamaica Pond and adjacent grounds, July 4th, for the same purposes and under the same conditions as last year, provided that sufficient police is furnished to protect the shrubs and trees from damage, and that all the arrangements shall be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

A communication from Randall C. Morris regarding precautions against prospective damage to Reed's Block, from ball playing at the Randolph Street Playground, was received; and the Secretary was directed to reply.

A communication from the Wellington-Wild Coal Company, asking whether the Board has any objection to their establishing a stable adjoining Charlestown Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets relative to opening Commonwealth avenue at Charlesgate East to travel, and from the Board of Police relative to disturbance of a swan's nest in the Fens, also request of L. S. Dabney for a hearing on the Charles-river embankment whenever the Board shall be prepared to consider the question, were received and placed on file.

A Civil Service communication, calling attention to the act of the Legislature relative to removals and suspensions in the classified Civil Service, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to drain and grade Forest Hills Playground, and erect bleachers on Roslindale Playground; the expense of said work not to exceed $4,500.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JUNE 6, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of the appropriation for maintenance, showing excess of expenditures for the first four months of the fiscal year, also a report on the proposition to change the name of Audubon Road in the Fens, and a report on the inquiry of the Wellington-Wild Coal Company as to whether the Board would permit the use of a building for stable purposes adjoining Charlestown Playground, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report stating that the water standing on the northeast side of Springdale street, referred to in a notice from the Board of Health, was not on park property; and the Secretary was directed to notify the Board of Health accordingly.

The Superintendent submitted estimates of the cost of filling Savin Hill Playground, also the cost of putting it into condition so that it can be used, as requested in the petition of the Savin Hill Improvement Association, referred to this Board by the Board of Aldermen; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply through the Mayor.

A communication from the Massachusetts Humane Society relative to life-saving appliances at the Public Landing, Strandway, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication and petition requesting the removal of the advertising board on Columbia Road, between Dorchester avenue and Buttonwood street, was received and referred to the Chairman.

Communications from Robert B. Hudson, stating that he had engaged two 40-foot launches for the ferry service to Castle Island, and from the Board of Police relative to police conditions at Marine Park, were received and

placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to place settees on Franklin Field was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

VOTED, that the Superintendent make arrangements with the Committee on the Seventeenth of June Celebration to take charge of the granting of permits for the sale of refreshments and similar purposes, on said day, as in former years, at Charlestown Playground.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JUNE 27, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3.30 P..M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt,and Prendergast, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of additional shelter accommodations at Marine Park, referred to in a letter from J. T. Whitehouse, and the Secretary was directed to communicate the same to Mr. Whitehouse.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Randall G. Morris regarding the breaking of glass in Reed's Block adjoining Randolph Street Playground; and the matter was laid over pending a further report from the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the refusal of Simpson Brothers Corporation and Morrill & Whiton Construction Company to pay for repairs in front of the William E.Russell schoolhouse, Columbia Road; and the Secretary was directed to issue no more permits to either concern until the bills are paid.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of procuring additional buggy horses, or an automobile; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase a Grout two-seat machine, for $650.

The Superintendent submitted a report on instructors for the Wood Island Park Gymnasium and Marcella Street Playground; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to appoint John J. Smith instructor at Wood Island Park, at a salary of $60.00 per month.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the passenger service at Marine Park, between the Public Landing and Castle Island; and it was

VOTED, to allow Mr. Hudson to use two 40-foot launches in the Castle Island ferry service this summer, provided they are cleaned, painted, and numbered; are supplied with life-saving apparatus, anchors and cables, and their engines are railed in; provided also that two able-bodied and competent men are employed on each boat and one man at each landing, all to be uniformly dressed, and that the boats are run on schedule time and are limited to forty passengers each per trip, including children.

The Superintendent submitted a report stating that he had arranged with the Jeffries Point Yacht Yard and Boat-Building Company to establish a boat service at Wood Island Park, for this season; and the report was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report stating that Mahoney Brothers were maintaining a landing place on the Strandway, in connection with their fish business; and the Secretary was directed to notify them to discontinue the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report from the American Steam Gauge and Valve Manufacturing Company, and the Hancock Inspirator Company, requesting the Board to lay a brick sidewalk on the Camden-street side of the Columbus Avenue Playground; and the matter was laid over.

An order of the City Council was received, authorizing the Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, to convey two parcels of land to Harvard College in exchange for two other parcels of land, for the purpose of straightening and improving the boundary line between the North Brighton Playground and the Soldier's Field; and the Commissioners signed the deed prepared for this purpose by the Law Department.

A communication was received from D. L. Prendergast relative to the use of the bandstand at Marine Park by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, for summer band concerts; and it was

VOTED, to permit the Boston Elevated Railway Company to give a series of summer band concerts on Thursday evenings at the bandstand, Marine Park, the arrangements for the same to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

A communication from Rev. P. Holler, President International Mission Association, requesting the free use of a room or rooms in the Library Building, Franklin Park, for the purposes of the Oriental Mission Seminary; and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board cannot give the free use of the Park property to any private enterprise, however worthy.

A communication from the London & District Westrumite Company, to the City Treasurer, requesting information as to the result of the trial of "westrumite" on the park roads; also memorandum of oral complaint from

Edward D. Rice of injury to varnish of carriages from the oiled roads, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Music Trustees, noting changes in their schedule of summer band concerts, was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from Barnard Capen, requesting permission to maintain greenhouses on his premises adjoining the Strandway. Mr. Capen also came before the Board to explain his reasons for making the request. He said he desired to rebuild the greenhouses and to use the land for the same purposes that it was used for before and subsequent to the taking. The Chairman stated that the Commissioners did not see how they could be justified in permitting buildings for commercial purposes to be erected contrary to the restrictions, however unobjectionable such buildings might be.

A communication was received from E. L. Miller, complaining of the boat service between Marine Park and Castle Island, which was read and placed on file, the Chairman having answered the same.

A communication was received from Frederick Law Olmsted,Jr.,relative to a Municipal exhibition gathered from material on exhibit at theSt.Louis Exposition; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with Prof.Sargent.

A communication from the Civil Service Commission, in answer to an inquiry from the Board relative to the application of chapter 314 of the acts of 1904 to the labor service, was received and placed on file.

An application from Thomas F. Doherty for permission to maintain a lunch wagon at Wood Island Park, July 4th, was received and referred to the Superintendent to grant a permit to Mr. Doherty, if he deems it advisable. The Superintendent was also authorized to grant permits for the sale of refreshments at Wood Island Park, on said day,to other applicants.

Jos. F. Clarke.
Secretary

BOSTON, July 11, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Pine Bank office, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report, together with a sketch and an estimate for a fence for Randolph Street Playground, also the cost of screens

for the windows of Reed's Block; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on candidates for the position of instructor at Randolph Street Playground; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent appoint John J. Driscoll to the position of instructor at Randolph Street Playground.

The Superintendent submitted a report on bids for iron work for a merry-go-round; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of H. J. Shaw, the lowest bidder.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Simmons College for the privilege of building a granolithic sidewalk and private carriage entrance, according to a plan submitted with said request; and it was

VOTED, to approve the plan, and authorize the Secretary to issue a permit.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the progress of work on telephone cable repairs, and a communication was sent to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in relation thereto.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for foundations and supports for the Charlestown Gymnasium fence; and it was

VOTED, to award the contract to Barbour and Stockwell Company, the lowest bidder, at 2 7/8 cents per pound.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of purchasing two horses for truck and wagon use; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Pratt.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of lighting the bandstand at Marine Park by electricity, as suggested in a communication from D.L.Prendergast; and it was

VOTED, to defer the matter for the present, owing to its cost.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the charge made to the Street Department for superintendence in planting the Strandway borders; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposed change in name of Audubon Road, as suggested in a letter from T. M. Clark, and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted some correspondence with the Schoolhouse Commission regarding the planting of the schoolhouse grounds, referred to in a communication from Mr. Sturgis, Chairman of the Commission; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for leave to erect a pole for overhead wires on Castle Island bridge; and it was VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted plans of Stratton street extended to Talbot avenue, with alternate lines to avoid encroaching on private property; and it was

VOTED, to adopt the plan showing a temporary connection between the two parts of Stratton street, and to authorize the Superintendent to construct a roadway from Lyons street to Talbot avenue in extension of Stratton street, also a temporary connection with said Stratton street.

The Superintendent submitted a report on bids for winter uniforms; and it was

VOTED, to award the contract to H. B. Spitz.

The Superintendent submitted reports from Assistant Superintendent Shea and Mr. Putnam in regard to facilities for obtaining drinking water at Chestnut Hill Park.

Two communications from the Election Commissioners, requesting locations for voting booths, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the State Board of Health, relative to analysis of water at Pine Bank House and the spring near Ward's Pond, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Treasurer of Harvard College, relative to the removal of the fence on that part of The Soldier's Field proposed to be added to North Brighton Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Board of Police, acknowledging the receipt of the Chairman's letter in regard to the City's schedule of events to take place on the playgrounds on July 4th, was received and placed on file.

A communication from John B. Fitzpatrick, offering an estate for sale on Forest Hills street, West Roxbury, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the American Steam Gauge & Valve Mfg. Company, relative to fence and sidewalk on Camden street, at Columbus Avenue Playground, was received and placed on file. The Superintendent was directed to finish the macadam sidewalk as recommended by him.

An application from John Martin for permission to maintain a refreshment stand on the Strandway Playground was received, and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, AUGUST 10, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of a retaining wall at the Columbus Avenue Playground, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to see if a transfer of the appropriation for a sanitary building can be obtained for this purpose.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Division Engineer of the N.Y.N.H.& H.R.R.Company, referring to trespassing on the railroad tracks at Roslindale Playground, and requesting to know if the Department will join in building a suitable fence there; and the Secretary was directed to reply that the fence now there is sufficient for the purposes of the Department and that the Board has no money with which to build anything better.

The Superintendent submitted a communication received by him from George Porter, asking compensation for injuries received by him while attempting to stop a team of horses belonging to the Department; and the Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Porter that the Board cannot entertain his claim for compensation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Gabriel Farrell for an extension of his boat privilege at Charlesbank; and it was

VOTED, to extend the lease of the boat service at Charlesbank to Gabriel Farrell, for three years from March 1, 1905, at an annual rental of $125.

The Superintendent submitted a report from the Engineer on the results so far obtained in the use of Westrumite for preventing dust on the park roads, which was placed on file.

The following bids for erecting a fence on the rear line of Randolph Street Playground were received:

James F. Flaherty.	$353.00
Wilbur J. Hatch.	395.00
Isaac G. Hamilton, ($1.66 per lin.ft.)	440.82
George H. Barker,	492.00

and it was

VOTED, to award the contract to James F. Flaherty, the lowest bidder, provided the abutters agree to pay one-half of the cost of building the fence.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from Mrs. Wells in regard to the reengagement of Miss Cutler as superintendent of the Women's Division at Charlesbank, for the winter season; and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board regrets that the lack of funds for maintaining the parks will oblige the Charlesbank Gymnasium to be closed this year at the end of the summer term.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to place settees on the Ashmont Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication was received from Sally E. Beck complaining of annoyance on Sundays by children entering the playground at the Helen Weld House grounds; and the Superintendent was directed to close the playground on Sundays, and notify the police accordingly.

Communications from the War Department granting this Board permission to build a wall in Charles river and to fill solid behind the same, at the location shown on the map attached to said communication; also from Congressman McNary, enclosing a copy of the bill providing for the transfer of the custody of certain obsolete ordnance to the City of Boston, were received and placed on file.

A request of the Board of Election Commissioners for permission to place voting booths in the parks, the same as last year, was received and laid over.

A communication from John Read, Chief Marshal of the Naval Procession, requesting permission to use a part of Commonwealth avenue for the formation of the parade on August 15, was received, and it was

VOTED, to allow the Chief Marshal of the Naval Procession, on Monday, August 15, to use the roadways at the Arlington street end of Commonwealth avenue, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock, for the formation of some of the bodies taking part in the naval procession.

A communication was received from R. T. Paine, Jr., relative to a change of name of Audubon Road; and the matter was laid over.

A communication was received from Sylvester Baxter, calling attention to the opportunity the proposed embankment along the Charles river will afford for a new rapid transit route by means of a subway to be constructed when the proposed embankment is built; and the matter was referred to the Engineer.

A communication was received from Adelaide J. Sargent calling attention to advertisements at the corner of Chestnut Hill avenue and Beacon street boulevard, opposite Chestnut Hill Park; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

An application was made to the Board of Police for the appointment of Peter Barker as a special police officer, to serve at Marine Park and on Columbia Road.

Communications from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, stating that the overhead wires in the parks would receive their prompt attention; and from Simpson Brothers Corporation requesting that the work of grading between the curb and granolithic walk at Simmons College be suspended until their work is finished, were received and placed on file.

A communication was received from John P. Murray, suggesting the use of the public float by the Castle Island boats, during rough weather. The Superintendent stated that he did not think it would be safe to allow the boats to take and leave passengers on the float, particularly on Sundays and holidays, when there

are large numbers of people to be transported; and the communication was pla on file.

The Superintendent submitted a letter he had received from Randall G.M requesting to be informed with regard to screens for the windows of Reed's B and the Secretary was instructed to notify him that the Corporation Counsel forms the Board that it is beyond its powers to expend money upon his premis but that the Board will join with him in the erection of a suitable division fence.

A communication was received from the Barbour-Stockwell Company declin to make the foundations and middle supports for the Charlestown Playground fe for 2 7/8 cents per pound, and offering to furnish them at 3 1/8 cents. It w thereupon

VOTED, to award the contract to C. W. & F. Smith, the next lowest bidd at their bid of 3 cents per pound.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 9, 1904.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board.

Mr. A. W. Longfellow submitted a report upon the location and treatment of the Stony Brook Gatehouses, accompanied by a sketch, which was referred to the Chairman.

A communication was received from John P. Leahy requesting a rebate on granolithic walks on Columbia Road; and the Secretary was directed to reply.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 19, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Pine Park office at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a statement showing the condition of the appropriation for maintenance, also report in regard to proposed improvement of Forest Hills Playground, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of the Division Engineer of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company, in regard to the erection of a suitable fence between the railroad and Roslindale Playground; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets authorizing the Board to resurface the roadway from Boylston street to Commissioners' Channel, also regarding the gatehouses and the Columbia Dredging Company's sign in the Fens, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Georgianna E. Upham, agreeing to assume one-half of the expense of building a fence between the estate of John W. Leatherbee and Randolph Street Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Seaver and Frost, declining, on behalf of the owners, to pay one-half of the expense of building a fence between Randolph Street Playground and the estate of Hobbs & Prescott, and requesting a conference regarding land damages, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from Adelaide J. Sargent in regard to a signboard near Chestnut Hill Park, was received and referred to the Chairman.

Communications from Kate Gannett Wells relative to closing Charlesbank during the winter, and from Mary E. Cheney, acknowledging for the Boston Woman's Christian Temperance Union their indebtedness to the Park Commissioners in supplying water during G. A. R. week, also from Corporation Counsel Babson relative to form of contract, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Henry Lefavour, President of Simmons College, requesting the removal of a curbstone at the intersection of Worthington street and the Fenway, was received and placed on file, the Superintendent having attended to the matter.

A communication was received from Guy Lowell, requesting, on behalf of Henry B. Williams, permission to project the foundations of an apartment house ten inches onto park land, below grade, and to project the footings, which occur 9 feet below grade, 2 feet 4 inches on park land, also to project the cornice at its farthest point 1 foot 6 inches over the park boundary, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board refused the request.

VOTED, that permission be granted to the Jamaica Plain Gas Light Company to lay a pipe in Arborway according to plan dated September 17,1904,on the co dition prescribed in the permit to be issued therefor,and in addition that sa Company will keep said pipe in good repair and remove the same when notified the officer or board having for the time being the control of said Arborway.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 30, 1904.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board.

A plan of a proposed revision of Huntington Entrance and a part of Fenway, dated September 1, 1904, presented by the Museum of Fine Arts, was approved so far as to the proposed new boundary lines of said Huntington Entrance and of the Fenway adjoining the lot of the Museum of Fine Arts.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 3, 1904.

The following proposals for building foundations and moving the Women's Building at Charlesbank were received and opened in the presence of the Chairman of the Board and a representative from the Mayor's office:

Thomas F. Broderick,	$1820
Griffin & Farrell,	1875
M. R. Culbert,	1892
William Crane,	2144
J. E. Locatelli & Company,	2180
H. A. Slakin & Company,	2337
Holmes Brothers,	2750
John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company,	3468

The bids were taken under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 6, 1904.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board.

Mr. Guy Lowell submitted a modified request from Henry Bigelow Williams for leave to project the cornice and balconies on three bays and two corner bays of a building, which he is to erect at 54 Fenway, over the parkway at Westland Entrance, as follows:

"Boston, October 6, 1904

"To the Board of Park Commissioners,
City of Boston.

Sirs:

I hereby request that the plans for a building to be erected upon land owned by me on the Westland Entrance of the Fens, submitted by Guy Lowell, Architect, be approved by your Board, including the projection over the park lands of cornices not exceeding 1 ft. 6 in. in width, and balconies not exceeding 3 feet in width, as shown on said plans; and I hereby covenant and agree, for myself and my heirs and assigns, that if this application shall be approved by your Board such approval shall not be construed as giving me any title in the land occupied by the abovementioned projections, and that said projections shall be removed at any time at the request of your Board.

Yours truly,

Henry Bigelow Williams."

VOTED, that the plans submitted by Guy Lowell for an apartment house for H. B. Williams, to be built upon land bounded by the Fens, by Hemenway street and Public Alley 901, be approved so far as to the projection of the cornices and other projections over the park lands, as shown on said plans, provided that nothing in this approval shall be construed as giving the abuttor any title in the land so occupied, and that said projections be removed at any time at the request of the Board.

The Secretary was directed to confer with the Law Department in regard to recording a copy of said vote in the Registry of Deeds.

The matter of screening the windows in Reed's Block, Albany street, was called up and was referred to the Chairman for further consideration.

The bids for foundations and removing the Women's Building at Charlesbank were read and referred to the Superintendent. Subsequently the Board rejected the bid of Thomas F. Broderick, and awarded the contract to Griffin and Farrell, the next lowest bidder.

A communication was received from the Schoolhouse Commissioners requesting the privilege of constructing two footways, to give access to their land from Tremont Entrance, substantially as shown on the plan accompanying their letter; and it was

VOTED, thatthe plan for two footways, each fifteen feet wide, through the plantation of Tremont Entrance, opposite the land recently acquired by the City for school purposes, submitted by the Schoolhouse Commission with its letter of September 29, 1904, be approved.

Executive circulars 30 & 31, directing heads of departments to grant half-holidays September 27 and November 17, to all employees whose services can be dispensed with, without loss of pay and in part compensation for their services, to enable them to attend the primaries to be held for the nomination of State and City officers, and leave of absence to members of the Charlestown Veteran Fireman's Association, from September 26 to October 1, on the occasion of the visit of the Association to Philadelphia, were received and placed on file.

Communications from the Board of Police, acknowledging request for detail of officers, and from the Superintendent of Streets turning over to the Park Department the portion of land adjacent to the houses on Columbia Road, easterly side, between Hamilton and Richfield streets, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Roslindale Citizen's Association, expressing the thanks of the Association for the bleacher seats furnished by the Board on the baseball grounds, Roslindale Playground, also communication from A.Davis Weld, requesting on behalf of some of the users of the golf links that the golf house be supplied with an inexpensive clock, were received and placed on file.

Geo. W. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 20, 1904.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 66 Devonshire street, at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Superintendent was directed to construct a retaining wall and fence on the northwesterly boundary line of Columbus Avenue Playground, and to charge the expense to the appropriation for Columbus Avenue Playground

sanitary building, as authorized by the City Council.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the suspended men that they be given one or two days' work, to keep their names on the Civil Service list of this Department and to enable them to be transferred to other departments; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent with full powers.

Samuel D. Warren, President of the Museum of Fine Arts, Prof.Charles S. Sargent, and Joseph Balch held a conference with the Board in reference to the proposed relocation of Huntington Entrance and exchange of land with the Museum of Fine Arts. Mr. Warren stated that the Museum authorities desired to know whether the Board would require a restriction of set-back on the land on the easterly side of Huntington Entrance which is to be abandoned under the plan for rearranging the Entrance. Such a restriction, he said, would hurt the sale of the land and make it doubtful whether the Museum could find the means to make the changes desired. The Board took the matter under consideration. Subsequently the Board decided not to require a set-back.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of George H.Brown and others, that the tennis courts at Franklin Park be kept open later than has been the usual custom, which was placed on file.

Communications from the Board of Police regarding injuries to property at Randolph Street Playground, also injury to trees at Mystic Playground, were received and placed on file.

A communication from a Committee of the South Boston Citizen's Association relative to securing an appropriation for dredging the flats from Burnham's wharf to I street, was received and placed on file.

A notice from the Board of Health in regard to filling a depression on Springdale street, adjoining Everett street, to prevent surface water from entering cellars of buildings, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Acting Chief of Ordnance, in reply to the inquiry of the Chairman relative to the delay in turning over the fort at Castle Island to this Department, was received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clark,
Secretary.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 7, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also present Engineer Putnam, The records of the last meeting, also special meetings of September 30, October 6 and 20 were read and approved.

The following reports were received from the Superintendent: on communication from Edward I. Baker regarding the erection of a fence on the alleyway at Randolph Street Playground; on the request of Charles Fottler for the skate sharpening concession,and the privilege of selling coffee and sandwiches on Franklin Field; on the communication from the Sup't of Streets regarding the Walter street widening and retaining wall; on Mr. George G. Crocker's offer of a parcel of land on Third and Athens street, South Boston, for playground purposes; and on the request of Miss Annie L. Bennett for large bunches of bitter-sweet, for the decoration of a hall, in aid of the Boston Teacher's Mutual Benefit Association. The Secretary was directed to reply to the latter, that the Board finds it necessary to refuse requests for material of this kind for decorative purposes.

VOTED, that the concession heretofore granted to Charles Fottler, for sharpening skates and selling skates and skate straps, at Franklin Field, including the sale of refreshments, be continued for this season, upon the same terms and conditions as before.

Executive Circular, Number 32, requesting heads of departments to allow all men in the employ of the City half-holidays, on the days of the State and City elections, without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services, was received; and it was

VOTED, to grant the men in the Park Department half-holidays, in accordance with the said request.

Orders of the City Council making appropriations for deficits in the appropriations for Chestnut Hill Park and Strandway, also authorizing the expense of building a retaining wall and fence on the northwesterly boundary line of Columbus Avenue Playground,to be charged to the appropriation for Columbus Avenue Playground sanitary building, were received and placed on file.

A request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the privilege of dumping snow and ice on Charlestown Playground, during the coming winter, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from the Municipal League of Harrisburgh, to the Superintendent, acknowledging the courtesy of this Department during the recent visit of the City Councils of Harrisburgh, to view the Boston parks; and

from G. A. Parker, Vice President American Civic Association, to the Mayor, requesting names and addresses of park officials, were received and placed on file, the Superintendent having already furnished the list requested.

A request from Lieutenant Ralph Earle, for permission for the football team of the U. S. S. Missouri to practice on Charlestown Playground, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

An application was received from John J. Hourihan, for pony privileges at Franklin and Marine parks, and was referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication was received from George E. Gay, Director Massachusetts Educational Exhibit at St.Louis, stating that a gold medal had been awarded to the Massachusetts' collective exhibit, to which this Department was a contributor.

VOTED, to approve the plan for converting the brick building at Randolph Street Playground into a shelter and sanitary building, and to authorize the Superintendent to do the work.

VOTED, that, whereas, by an act of this Board, passed January 27, 1903, a parcel of land containing 522 square feet, supposed to belong to Ellen McMahon, situate in that part of Boston which was formerly Dorchester, and adjoining Dorchester Park, was taken for park purposes, there be awarded and paid to the said Ellen McMahon the sum of two hundred and ten dollars, upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, including an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses, arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department; and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount ot be charged to the appropriation for public parks.

A communication was received from J. T. Coolidge, Jr.,stating that the Art Commission had accepted an iron lantern presented to the City by Bunkio Matsuki, and recommended that it be placed somewhere in the Back Bay Fens, also suggesting a location on the river bank opposite Simmons College. The Board took the matter under advisement, and subsequently decided not to accept the lantern for the location suggested.

Geo. H. Clark
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 30, 1904.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Ralph G.Stowell, for a renewal of his boating concession; and it was

VOTED, that, with the approval of the Mayor, the rights and privileges heretofore granted to Ralph G. Stowell, of maintaining and operating for hire a public boat service in the waters of Jamaica Pond, be extended for the season of 1905, together with the right to sell light refreshments, including confectionery and fruit, except bananas, watermelons, and unshelled peanuts, at the boat landing at Jamaica Pond; on condition that he furnishes an equipment of boats and landing facilities equal to those furnished heretofore: all of said service to be under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks, and to be carried on to the satisfaction of the Board, the right to sell refreshments to be subject to revocation on evidence of any untidiness about the premises.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of John H. Sullivan, that teams having higher numbers are employed in preference to his; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Board voted to provisionally approve the plans for the new Stony Brook gatehouse, submitted by the Street Department, and instructed the Secretary to reply to the communication from the Chief Engineer of the Sewer Division, regarding the substitution of green slate for shingles on the roofs of the gatehouses in the Fens.

A communication from the Charles River Basin Commission,requesting approval of plan for the location of the section of the marginal conduit which is to be constructed in the upper end of Charlesbank, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Bids for repairing the roof of the building on Randolph Street Playground were received, and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of Thomas J.Hind for repairing the roof of the building at Randolph Street Playground, including new galvanized iron cap, cornice, and conductors, new zinc flashing, and cleaning out and repairing present gutter, for the sum of $100.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. George G. Crocker that the Board regrets that it cannot accept his offer to devote the lot on Third and Athens streets, near the railroad cut, to playground purposes, for the term of three or five years,provided the City will abate the taxes during that term.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in regard to the disposal of material now being dredged from the Fens, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Dorchester Gentlemen's Driving Club, expressing the appreciation and thanks of the Club for the work done by the Board at Franklin Field in behalf of the horsemen, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, to allow the Boston Elevated Railway Company to dump snow and ice into tidewater, from Charlestown Playground, and on that part of the Strandway in the vicinity of Newman street, during the coming winter, on the same conditions as before, and the further condition that the Company protects the gateway on Alford street, by erecting temporary wooden posts, and repair any damage to the iron fence caused by their teams.

VOTED, that, whereas, by an act of this Board passed August 7, 1903, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Joseph O. Hobbs and others, situate on Albany street in Boston, and containing 30,675 square feet, was taken for a playground, there be awarded and paid to Mary Ann Prescott, Annie L. Prescott, and said Joseph O. Hobbs the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same including an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department; and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground Wards 7 and 9.

The Superintendent was authorized to put the men on half-time, as the condition of the appropriation for maintenance and the state of the work may require.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary.

BOSTON, DECEMBER 8, 1904.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt.

A hearing was given on the complaint of Colin W. Cameron of the Carpenters' District Council, and others, that Mr. A. A. Hersey was not complying with the terms of his contract for pile driving at Columbus Avenue Playground. Messrs Cameron, Huddell, and Coffin representing the labor unions interested,

and Mr. Hersey, the contractor, were present.

Arthur M. Huddell, representing the Hoisting and Portable Engineers, stated that the Mayor had assured them that the conditions of the contracts must be lived up to. He said that Mr. Hersey works nine hours and employs men who are not citizens, that he works his engineer nine hours and pays him less wages than the rules of his organization specified, namely, $4.00 for eight hours' work.

Mr. Hersey stated, in answer to what Mr. Huddell said, that the Union tried to get the piledriver concerns to adopt an eight-hour day, but failed to do so. He said he was paying men on the rolls $2.25 per day, which is the rate ordinarily paid by piledrivers, and more than some of them pay. He paid his engineer $2.50 per day.

Seymour Coffin, of the Piledriver and Bridge Buildiers' Union, said that they were not trying to force Mr. Hersey to employ Union men, but want the conditions of the contract lived up to. He said that Mr. Hersey, instead of employing a regular engineer, has his foreman run the engine, and employs men who are not citizens.

Mr. Hersey said in regard to his foreman that the man has qualified as an engineer, and that he has continuous employment at $17.00 per week. In regard to the employment of citizens, he did not discriminate against them, and did not think he was called upon to hunt them up for employment.

Mr. Cameron, in conclusion, called attention to his letter of December 3, which he said does not mention Union employment, He offered to bring City Engineer Jackson to show that Union time and wages prevailed last July when 170 men were working eight hours, and sixty odd, nine hours, also that two Cit contracts were changed from nine hours to eight hours and a maximum wage of $2.25 per day was enforced by the City. He offered a list of nine firms in Mr. Hersey's line of business who were working eight hours a day.

Mr. Hersey was asked by the Chairman if he would submit a list of firms working nine Hours, by two o'clock Friday. Mr. Hersey said he doubted whether that would be possible, but would do so sometime during the day. The Chairman said that the Board would give Mr. Hersey all day Friday, but asked that the list be sent to him as soon as ready.

The Commissioners declined to suspend work under the contract pending the submission of evidence by Mr. Hersey, although requested by the delegation from the Labor Unions to do so.

Edw. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 16, 1904.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board.

The estimates of the amount necessary to meet the ordinary current expenditures of the Department for the coming financial year were considered and adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a plan of a proposed playground in the Fens, to be constructed opposite the Art Museum site and Simmons College, by filling in two of the bays in the Fens' pond and raising the adjoining meadows to grade 10, which was approved; and the Superintendent was authorized to open a dump for the delivery of such material as he may deem suitable for said purpose.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Engineer Putnam in regard to the disposal of the material now being pumped from the Fens' pond, recommending that the present method of disposal be continued, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent recommended a slight change in the line of the marginal conduit as proposed to be built in the upper end of Charlesbank; and it was

VOTED, to provisionally approve the plan for locating the Boston marginal conduit in the upper end of Charlesbank, submitted by the Charles River Basin Commission, with a modification in the line of the conduit as shown on said plan.

VOTED, that the playgrounds in Wards 2 and 9 be named respectively Cottage Street Playground and Randolph Street Playground.

Ged. Clarke, Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 10, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting, also of special meetings of December 8 and 16, were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Robert Treat Paine, Jr., and others, for a uniform name for the parkway on the westerly side of the Fens, from Commonwealth avenue to Brookline avenue, and suggesting for it the name Somerset Road, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Common Council that electric lights be provided at First Street Playground, for the skating season; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of the maintenance account, and the need of additional horses and sprinkling wagons; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase such additional horses and sprinkling wagons as the balance of the appropriation will warrant.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for a sanitary building for Marcella Street Playground, and the Superintendent was authorized to obtain proposals for constructing the same out of the materials obtained from the removal of the Asylum buildings; also to obtain proposals for removing the Stony Brook bridge in the Fens.

The Superintendent submitted Mr. Putnam's report on the request of the Quincy Quarries Company for payment of the unsettled account of the Quincy Granite Quarries Company; and the Superintendent was instructed to refer the matter to Mr. Guy Lowell.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, acknowledging receipt of the Chairman's letter relative to putting their wires underground at Forest Hills street, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Mayor Collins, authorizing the sale of that part of the Marcella Street Home building which is situated on land in charge of the Street Department, was received and placed on file.

A City Council order authorizing the construction of the Marcella Street Playground from the appropriation for Playground Ward 22, was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company declining to put their wires underground at Pond street, as requested to do by the Board; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Law Department as to what action the Board should take to enforce its demands.

A communication was received from James P. McSorley, in regard to his depositing material on the site of the proposed embankment at West Boston Bridge, under an arrangement with the City Engineer for constructing the approach to said bridge; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A hearing was given to M. J. Kenney from the District Council of the Knights of Labor, and Timothy Sullivan from the Park Department Assembly, on the question of allowing pay for Christmas Day to all the men in the employ of the Department. Mr. Kenney said, the fact of the men's being on half-time resulted in some of the men's receiving pay for the holiday which others did not. He had been requested to put the matter before the Board to see if pay for the holiday could not be given to all alike. The poorest paid men suffer most, as the better paid men are not laid off. The men hoped that the suspension of about forty men last spring would result in permanent work for the remainder, but it has not been realised, and the men besides lose their pay for the holiday.

Mr. Sullivan said that the men had never been docked for Christmas before, that all the men worked on some day of the week before Christmas, and that they all ought to be treated alike.

The Board took the matter under advisement, and, subsequently, authorized the Superintendent to give a holiday, without loss of pay, to all the men who did not receive pay for Christmas Day.

A hearing was given on the petition of R. T. Paine, Jr., and others, that the parkway bordering the westerly side of the Fens may have one name from Commonwealth avenue to Brookline avenue. There were present at the hearing, Robert Treat Paine Jr., Moses Williams, Trustee of the Boston Water Power Company, George N. Dana, Trustee of the Dana lands, Joseph Balch, Theodore M. Clark, Henry Lefavour, President of Simmons College, Robert Treat Paine, and others.

Mr. Robert Treat Paine Jr. said, in opening, that the petitioners desired one name given to the parkway on the west side of the Fens, instead of the three names it now bears; namely,- Charlesgate West, Boylston Road, and Audubon Road. He then gave way to Moses Williams, who said, the situation at present causes great confusion, similar to that in the case of two streets of the same name, one in Brookline and one in Boston. It is inconvenient to those who live there, besides being a detriment to the land, because persons cannot find where they want to go. They get a dislike for the neighborhood, which tends to give it a bad name and retards its development. The assessed value of the property is only one-third what it ought to be. The petitioners want a name given to the road on the west side of the Fens which shall indicate the character of the land and its position. The name suggested by the petitioners would indicate the Somerset as the point of departure of this road as it branches out from Commonwealth avenue. It should have one name from Commonwealth avenue to Brookline avenue. He said that carrying the name Audubon Road down to Beacon street would not do, as two

Audubon Roads coming out at Beacon street is not desirable. There is also objection to the present condition at Brookline avenue where the Ipswich street cars cross Audubon Road, as one alighting there is not able to determine which way to go as he would be if there were two names instead of one.

Mr. Balch said he represented large interests which want a locus established for the road. He favored Somerset, as most persons know where the Somerset is, and it would indicate the location of the road.

Mr. T. M. Clark said that when the present names were established the only entrances to the Fens were from Boylston street, Huntington avenue, and Tremont Entrance. The principal entrance is now from Commonwealth avenue, and he had counted from four to five thousand persons in an afternoon, in pleasant weather, pass his house. The annoyances he, at first, had suffered when he moved into his house were overcome by not giving his address as Audubon Road, but as the corner of Back Bay Park and Jersey street. He gave instances to show that friends have had great difficulty in locating his house.

President Lefavour of Simmons College said that, although not an abutter, he had a great interest in the matter. He called attention to the new street that is contemplated from theFenway to the Harvard Medical School, and said, it is obvious that, in general, the road or way leading to so important a point should have one name. He suggested that the name Audubon Road might be retained from the bridge to Brookline avenue, in case the boulevard to the Medical School is brought out at the bridge.

Mr. Robert Treat Paine Jr. said that the Fenway branches from the westerly way at the bridge, and that name should be carried to that point. It is subordinated now by the crossing of Boylston Road, which interferes with the simplicity and harmony of the system. The name Somerset Road meets the general favor, as being attached to the location. Charlesgate Road was considered but is not favored. It would be in the interest of simplicity and convenience to carry the name to Beacon street, if the people there wish to have it done. He had met no objection in securing the petitions, they having been signed by every one interested.

Mr. Dana said he agreed with the advisability of one name instead of three names.

Mr. R. T. Paine said he owns a lot of land of Boylston Road, between the bridge and Boylston street. He has had difficulty in describing where his son lives, and said this it the time to deal with the problem, and give one continuous name to the whole thing, stopping at Brookline avenue.

Mr. Bova came before the Board with reference to the Head House, his lease of which expired December 31. He said he did not wish to renew the lease but

would take the house on a percentage basis, the same as in his first lease. He said that the annual receipts have diminished from about $18,000 in the early years to about $7000 in the last three years, and that the business would not warrant the large rental imposed by the last lease.

Ged. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 30, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids received for steel coverings for wheels of steam roller; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of the Charles River Iron Works, the lowest bidder.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition of J. T. Hourihan to equip and operate a pony livery in Marine Park; and it was

VOTED, that John T. Hourihan be permitted to erect a temporary shelter, and keep and operate a pony livery at Marine Park, during the seasons of 1905 and 1906, substantially in accordance with his proposition of December 10, 1904; all the arrangements therefor to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of S. F. Hudgens for a renewal of his borro and pony privilege at Marine and Franklin Parks for the ensuing season; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids received for summer uniforms; and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of the H. C. Locke Company for shirts, coats, and overalls, and the bid of H. B. Spitz for hats.

A communication from the Mayor authorizing the Board to appear before committees of the Legislature in relation to matters affecting the park system, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Engineer of the Charles River Basin Commission, with accompanying plan showing change of location of the marginal conduit at the lower end of Charlesbank, was submitted by the Superintendent, and it was

VOTED, to approve the plan for the location of the marginal conduit in the lower end of Charlesbank, with the proposed change of line shown in red on said plan.

A communication was received from the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company, relative to the notice from this Board to remove the buildings erected for the Metropolitan Coal Company, on land adjoining the Arborway at Forest Hills, contrary to the restrictions thereon; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

Communications from the Board of Police, in reply to the letter of the Chairman in regard to the erection of a billboard near Chestnut Hill Park; from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, acknowledging permission to erect a snow fence on North Brighton Playground; and from Corporation Counsel Babson, in answer to the request of the Chairman for an opinion on the power of the Board to order the removal of wires crossing the parkway at Pond street, were received and placed on file.

The application of Andrew J. Griffin for a cabstand, at or near the corner of Boylston street and the Fenway, was received, with a letter from R.C. Story in favor thereof; and it was

VOTED, that Andrew J. Griffin be permitted, until otherwise notified, to have a carriage stand on Boylston Entrance opposite the Carlton Hotel, said stand to be kept in a condition satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

A request of Holbrook, Cabot, and Rollins for the temporary occupancy of a portion of Charlesbank, in connection with their work of constructing the Charles river dam, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from R. E. Young, complaining of water backing up on to his land, from the southeast corner of Franklin Field, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent was instructed to confer with L. E. Bova in regard to his proposition to lease the Head House.

Councilman O'Connor came before the Board and asked that one or more lights be provided for the Strandway Playground. The matter was referred to the Superintendent with full power.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 24, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Holbrook, Cabot, and Rollins Corporation for leave to temporarily occupy a part of Charlesbank and build a coffer dam therein, as shown on the plan which accompanied their letter of January 25, 1905; and it was

VOTED, to approve the plan,and authorize the Secretary to issue a permit in accordance with said request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to run a guy wire diagonally across the Parkway at Forest Hills; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint from A. E. Stanchfield of annoyance to him and his neighbors from those who frequent First Street Playground; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the stable on the White estate at Chestnut Hill Park; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to remove the stable.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition that the toboggan season be extended through February, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of L. E.Bova for a renewal of the lease of the Head House, and the Superintendent was instructed to give any one desiring to do so an opportunity to apply for the privilege.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of R. E. Young of the flooding of his cellar, due to the construction of the road at Franklin Field, and the Superintendent was directed to look into the matter further.

The Superintendent submitted some correspondence from R. B. Hudson, relative to ferry boat accommodations to Castle Island for the season of 1905, and the Superintendent was directed to see Mr. Sheldon in regard to Mr. Hudson's plans, and report further if necessary.

A communication was received from Robert T. Paine, Jr., relative to change of name of Audubon Road; and it was

VOTED, to consolidate under one title Charlesgate West, Boylston Road,and Audubon Road between Boylston Road and Brookline avenue.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, requesting that the trees on Columbia Road be trimmed, stating that the request had been complied with; and the report was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a proposed charter for a Columbus Avenue Playground Federation, to control the boys' part of the Recreation Building and such parts of the playground as may, from time to time, be determined, which was placed on file.

Notice of petition of Gertrude D. Allen, to the Board of Health, for permission to erect a private stable for five horses on Commonwealth avenue between Chestnut Hill avenue and South street, was received, and the Secretary was instructed to inform the Board of Health that this Board did not desire to object to the erection of the stable by Mrs. Allen.

The Secretary was authorized to offer Sarah E. Leatherbee et al. $30,00 in full settlement for land taken from estate of J. W. Leatherbee for Randolph Street Playground, and all damages caused thereby.

VOTED, to advertise the following notice to owners of teams: Applicatio for furnishing teams for work in the Park Department, for the coming season will be received only until 12 M. of Saturday March 11, 1905, at the office of the Board, Pine Bank, Jamaica Plain. Applications must be on blank form furnished by the Department, and in accordance with the printed notice now being issued from said office.

The following proposals for the removal of the Stony Brook bridge in the Fens, and the erection of a sanitary and locker building at Marcella Street Playground, were received and publicly opened and read:

Proposals for Removing Stony Brook Bridge.

H. A. Slakin,	$140.00
Charles J. Jacobs,	435.00
William J. Barry,	590.00
John B. Graham,	678.00
Thomas F.Welch,	737.00
J. A. Pooney,	863.00
Holmes Brothers,	960.00
Metropolitan Contracting Company,	998.00
A. A. Elston & Company,	1350.00
J. J. Flynn,	1945.00

Proposals for Sanitary and Locker Building.

A. A. Elston & Company,	$1475.00
Griffin & Farrell,	1581.00
H. A. Slakin,	1872.00

J. J. Flynn,	$1937.00
Holmes Brothers,	1969.00
J. A. Rooney,	2445.00
William Crane,	2500.00
P. F. Donovan,	2500.00
C. A. Dodge & Company,	3816.00
W. A. & H. A. Foot,	3990.00
M. F. Sullivan,	4638.00
A. T. Lash,	4750.00

The bids were taken under advisement,and, subsequently, the Board accepted the proposal of A. A. Elston & Company for the sanitary and locker building at Marcella Street Playground, and rejected the proposals for removing the Stony Brook bridge.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 6, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairmen's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids received for boiler for heating the new storehouse and repair shops at Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bid, and to adopt the Superintendent's recommendation to charge the expense to Randolph Street Playground, and to transfer the present boiler at Franklin Park to Randolph Street Playground.

The Superintendent submitted a report on using the balance of the general appropriation for the purchase of playgrounds for completing Columbus Avenue Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the arrangements for the summer session at the Women's Division at Charlesbank; and it was

VOTED, to approve the arrangement submitted by the Superintendent, including the appointment of Miss Mary Jewett Price as assistant superintendent during the summer vacation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of W. S. Mitchell for permission to use a portion of West Roxbury Parkway for market-gardening

purposes; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of completing the building at Marcella Street Playground, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids received for furnishing three sets of harness; and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of H. C. Stoehr and Company.

The Superintendent submitted the Engineer's report on the cost of an additional height of fence for Randolph Street Playground, adjoining Reed's Block, as requested by Randall C. Morris; and the Secretary was instructed to reply to Mr. Morris.

A communication from the Board of Health accompanying permit for the dumping of rubbish and ashes in the Fens, was received and placed on file.

Orders of the Common Council, requesting that the Strandway Playground base-ball ground be resurfaced, also that a hand-ball court be provided at said Playground, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Mrs. Everett Holbrook, complaining of the condition of the sidewalk on Commonwealth avenue, near Massachusetts avenue, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

Mr. Lewis S. Dabney came before the Board in regard to the construction of the proposed embankment on Charles river. Mr. Dabney referred to what the residents on the northerly side of Beacon street had done in the way of submitting plans to the Board, drawn by A. W. Longfellow and Little, Brown and Moore, and stated that their desire as represented in said plans, was that the least width of embankment compatible with the object in view should be adopted. He said he favored the Little, Brown, and Moore plan, which he would submit again to the Board.

VOTED, to lease the Head House to L. E. Bova for three years, at the rate of $1000 per annum and on the same conditions as the former lease, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 3, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a statement showing the amount available for labor for the remainder of the fiscal year, and recommended that no reduction in the force be made until the planting season is over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids received for grass seed, with recommendation; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to accept the bids recommended by him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Grandin's request regarding the substitution of granolithic for the grass plot at the corner of Commonwealth avenue and Charlesgate West; and it was

VOTED, to approve the change, and to authorize the Secretary to issue a permit therefor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Mr. Horace G. Allen for a fence between his house and Chestnut Hill Park, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Allen.

The Superintendent submitted a report on bids for various supplies, recommending that awards be made as indicated on the accompanying specifications; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase supplies in accordance with his recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted an estimate of the cost of the proposed changes in the Fenway and Huntington Entrance, made necessary by the proposed exchange of land between the City and the Museum of Fine Arts, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a request of the East Boston Cricket Club for permission to play cricket at Wood Island Park, during the season of 1905, recommending that the request be granted; and the matter was laid over.

A request of the Tenean Veteran Fireman's Association for permission to hold a "play-out" at Neponset Playground, April 19th, between the hours of ten and twelve A. M., was received and it was

VOTED, that the Tenean Veteran Fireman's Association be permitted to hold a "play-out" at Neponset Playground, April 19th, between the hours of ten and twelve A. M., under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

A communication from John Cronin relative to tennis courts at Marine Park was received and placed on file.

The application of Frederick T. Fuller, to the Board of Police, for appointment as a special police officer at Columbus Avenue Playground, was received and signed by the Chairman.

A delegation from the East Boston Citizens' Trade Association, consisting of the President, James E. Maguire, and Messrs Joseph H. Barnes, F. H. Caruthers, and Vincenzo Bonzagni, came before the Board to urge improvements at Wood Island Park. Mr. Maguire stated that East Boston people, including ex-Governor Bates, felt that there should be a roadway around the park. The original plan called for such a roadway, and in the opinion of citizens it should be constructed. They felt that, considering the fact that this park is the only one accessible to the people of East Boston, more money should be spent there. At the Field House, the showers which had been temporarily fixed up should be put in good condition. Mr. Maguire said that the best part of the playground is taken up by cricket, which is played only on Saturday afternoons, and not always then; that more tennis courts are needed, and urged that the cricket ground be given over to tennis, providing for cricket elsewhere. He said that they desired another bathing beach established, allowing the bathhouses for men and women to be separated more than they now are.

Judge Barnes, the next speaker, said that the roadway was wanted most, that the Board cannot perhaps build the roadway on the old plan, but it can be carried as far as the bathhouses. He asked whether the Commissioners would be in favor of building the road is the money was provided by the City Council, and said that additional police protection is needed, and the road if lighted would make for protection. The Board could aid in obtaining the coöperation of the Police Board. He was informed that barges may be run to the park this summer and hoped that they would be under the control of the Board. Work on the grade crossings, which are now being abolished, has obstructed Prescott street. A temporary foot-bridge might be built there by the Railroad Company, and if the Board finds this to be the case, he suggested that the Board request the Railroad Company to construct it.

Mr. Caruthers said there were only four tennis courts, and that it was most difficult to get a court at certain times. He said he agreed with the President that the cricket ground should be moved elsewhere and the ground now occupied used for tennis. He also said something should be done to the shower-baths in the Field House.

Mr. Bonzagni said that it would help the matter of keeping the park respectable if a road were built around by the shore, as this would bring people there in carriages and on bicycles, and thus help to police the park.

The Chairman stated that the building of the road as originally planned was a very costly matter and could not be entertained at the present time,

but that the Board would have the Superintendent look into the matter of lights and police, the shower-baths, and the use of the cricket ground for tennis.

Messrs Burr and D'Arcy, of the Dorchester Gentlemen's Driving Club, came before the Board and asked that a fence be erected along the Speedway and a return drive twenty or twenty-five feet wide be provided on Franklin Field. Mr. Burr stated that they desired to open the season April 19, and that they would have a member of the Club confer with the Board in regard to formulating rules to govern the speedway.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 17, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Sewer Division of the Street Department requesting a permit to build a drain for surface water, from the premises of the House of the Good Shepherd to the open waterway of Muddy River, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Street Department be authorized to construct a drain in Riverway from the premises of the House of the Good Shepherd to Muddy River, according to the plan submitted by the Sewer Division, on the condition set forth in the usual form of permit to be issued therefor, and in addition that the drain be used only for surface water from said premises, be kept in good repair, including the removal of any deposits in Muddy River arising therefrom, and be removed by said Department when notified by the officer or board having for the time being the control of said Riverway.

A request of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the use of Wood Island Park for an out-door athletic meet, June 10, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Orders of the Common Council were received containing requests for modern benches or settees on Commonwealth avenue, for settees around Franklin Field and along the Strandway from the Boston Yacht Club house to K street, for an ice-water drinking fountain at Cottage Street Playground,

that ladders or other life-saving apparatus be placed along the sea wall at Marine Park, that the baseball grounds at Wood Island Park be sodded, that Franklin Park, on the easterly side of Walnut avenue between Columbus avenue and School street, be put in condition for public travel, also requests for information in regard to the completion and opening of the gymnasium at First Street Playground, and the amount remaining unexpended of the appropriation for the construction of a speedway at Franklin Field; and the orders were severally referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from John T. Hourihan requesting that the pony livery concession at Marine Park be transferred, for the present, to Thomas F. Griffin, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of Andrew J. Griffin for a change in the location of his carriage stand at Boylston Entrance was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A petition that the tennis courts at Pine Bank be opened April 19, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication was received from the Law Department in regard to a settlement of the suit of the heirs of Gilbert Wait, for land taken for the Strandway, and it was

VOTED, to approve the settlement by the Law Department of the claim of the heirs of Gilbert Wait for damages for three parcels of land taken severally for theStrandway, on April 29, 1892, June 9, 1897, and August 7, 1901, for the sum of $12,600.

The Secretary submitted a letter from Chief Engineer Dorr of the Sewer Division relative to the gatehouses in the Fens, which was referred to the Chairman.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 2, 1905

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board proceeded to reorganize by electing a chairman and a secretary for the ensuing year. The question on the election of a chairman being put by the Secretary, Mr. Pratt voted for Mr. Stratton, Mr. Prendergast voted for Mr. Stratton: Mr. Stratton did not vote. The question of the election of a secretary being put, Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast severally voted for George F. Clarke.

VOTED, that the chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

VOTED, that Mr. Pratt be chairman pro tem., and be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the chairman.

VOTED, that Mr. Prendergast be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the chairman and the chairman pro tem.

VOTED, that the chairman be authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Andrew J. Griffin's request for a change in the location of his carriage stand at Boylston Entrance, and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting the Board to place life-saving ladders on the sea wall at the Strandway, that the gymnasium building at Charlesbank be put in a sanitary condition, and that the Board furnish an estimate of the cost of placing Billings Field in condition for baseball and other sports; and the matters were severally referred to the Chairman for reply.

A report from the Superintendent on his interview with Superintendent Donovan regarding unfinished work in the Fens, and a communication from the Superintendent of Streets stating his intention to place green slate roofs on the gatehouses, were received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the boat service at Marine Park, and the need of an instructor at Randolph Street Playground; and the Superintendent was instructed to appoint Miss Daley, formerly at Christopher Gibson Playground, to said position.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Councilman J.J. McCarthy for ground at Charlesbank for school gardens for the Hebrew Industrial School; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from G. W. Lee, of the Field and Forest Club of Dorchester, regarding an educational garden in Franklin Park and the use of the Refectory Building for the regular meetings of the Club; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent was instructed to lay out additional tennis courts at Wood Island Park.

VOTED, that the East Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, to use a portion of the playground at Wood Island Park, for the purpose of playing cricket, during the season of 1905.

An order of the City Council authorizing the Board to lease vacant land between Massachusetts avenue and Norfolk avenue, Ward 17, for playground

purposes, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Miss Frances Zirngiebel relative to a children's museum in the Refectory Building, Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent

A communication from Dr. James J. Minot relative to a day sanitarium in Franklin Park was received, and the Chairman was instructed to reply.

Communications from the Board of Police relative to the Chairman's request that police officers be detailed at Cottage Street Playground during ball games, also regarding fires in the parks, were received and placed on file.

Executive Circular, Number 37, directing heads of departments to grant leave of absence to all employees, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who wish to attend the National Encampment, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars be permitted to use Commonwealth avenue, for the formation of its parade, May 24, on condition that a sufficient number of police be provided by said Commandery to protect the trees and other property of this Department from injury. and that the arrangements otherwise be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

VOTED, that the following regulations be adopted:

REGULATIONS FOR SPEEDING WITHIN OR UPON THE ROADWAY IN FRANKLIN FIELD

1. The Superintendent of Parks or person in charge shall have full control of the course and the conduct of the exercises, and no person is to enter or remain when forbidden by him.

2. The course shall be open for speeding at such hours during week days as the Park Commissioners shall from time to time determine.

3. No person on foot or horseback, or on a cycle or motor vehicle, shall enter or remain on the course when it is in use for speeding. Signs placed at each end of the course will indicate when it is so being used.

4. Only buggies, runabouts, surries, and other light vehicles adapted to the speeding of light harness horses, drawn by not more than two horses and capable of seating not more than two persons, shall be allowed on the course when it is in use for speeding.

5. No person shall drive on the course except in a southwesterly direction, nor make loud outcries for the purpose of urging his horse or horses, nor abuse or overdrive any horse.

6. No person shall drive a horse that is not well broken and under proper control, nor stand a horse or drive slowly in such manner as to ob-

struct the course, nor continue to drive on the course after having been directed by the Superintendent or person in charge to leave the same.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 23, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the Board to place the gymnasium building at Charlesbank in a sanitary condition, to place settees on the Strandway between K and Newman streets, and to allow double time to all laborers who are required to work on Sundays, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Corporation Counsel Babson in regard to Mr. C. B. Perkins' contention of rights of way in the park land on Perkins street was received and placed on file.

A petition from George W. Adams and others, protesting against the granting of privileges on Franklin Field which will compete with the business of concerns located in the vicinity, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from James E. Maguire, President Citizens' Trade Association of East Boston, requesting again the rearrangement of the playground at Wood Island Park and the getting of some kind of a safe way over the railroad tracks at Prescott street, also from E. Van Etten, Vice President New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, in regard to access to Wood Island Park during grade-crossing work at that point, were received and placed on file.

Correspondence between the Chairman of the Board and the Charles River Basin Commission, in regard to depositing material along the line of the proposed Charles River Embankment during the progress of the work on the Charles River dam, also sundry communications from the Board of Police in regard to police protection in the Arnold Arboretum, were received and placed on file.

A request of the Dahlgren Corps 20 to use the water front on the Strandway adjoining the South Boston Yacht Club house, for memorial services, May

30, was received and it was

VOTED, to permit the Dahlgren Corps 20 to use the water front on the Strandway adjoining the South Boston Yacht Club house, during the hours from ten until twelve, on May 30, for Decoration Day services.

VOTED, to permit the Boston Work Horse Parade to pass through Commonwealth avenue from the junction of Beacon street and Brookline avenue to Massachusetts avenue, on May 30.

Communications from the Bath Trustees requesting the transfer of Charlestown and North End beaches to them for the season of 1905-6, were received; and it was

VOTED, that the care and control of the beach at Charlestown Heights be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15,1905 to June 15, 1906, reserving the right to this Board to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

VOTED, that the care and control of the bathhouses and piers at North End Beach, including the beach and grounds northerly of Commercial street, be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15,1905 to June 15, 1906, upon the following terms; namely,-

1. The said baths and piers, beach and grounds, shall be open to this Board at all times, and the right is reserved to maintain a boat landing at the end of the westerly pier of the North End Beach, including the privilege of furnishing light refreshments at said landing.

2. The Bath Department shall keep said premises clean and well lighted heated, watched, and guarded during said term, and shall employ such attendants as may be necessary for the purpose.

3. This Board reserves the right to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

VOTED, to allow the park laborers whose services can be dispensed with a holiday for a picnic, on such day as they may select, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to appoint Alice Timmins matron at Savin Hill Beach.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JUNE 6, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of George W.Adams and others against refreshment privileges being granted on Franklin Field, also a report on the communication from John Cronin regarding tennis courts at Marine Park; and the Secretary was instructed to reply to the latter communication.

Communications from the Board of Police, in reply to letters from the Chairman, in relation to preventing the sale of tonics and other drinks on Franklin Field, and depredations by visitors to Wood Island Park, also a communication from the Charles River Basin Commission in relation to the dumping of material in the rear of Brimmer and Charles streets, were received and placed on file.

An order of the City Council was received authorizing the Board to expend, for the construction of playgrounds, the balance of the loan for playgrounds, amounting to $2,494.80, issued under authority of chapter 412 of the acts of 1898, as amended by chapter 279 of the acts of 1899.

VOTED, that this Board, under article 4 of the lease of the boat service at Marine Park to Robert B. Hudson, hereby consents to the transfer from said Hudson to George C. Fitzpatrick of the right under said lease to furnish steam boats, and convey passengers by water to and from the several public landings in said Park, to keep launches for hire, and keep and use said landings for said purposes, with all the rights and privileges and subject to all the obligations, conditions, and specifications in said lease applicable thereto, provided, however, that the sureties on the bond annexed to said lease consent in writing to said transfer.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to Christine Schlotterer, widow of Bernard Schlotterer, the amount due him on the pay-rolls of this Department.

VOTED, that the carriage privilege heretofore granted to Bacon and Tarbell, in Franklin Park, be extended for one year on the same conditions as before.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JUNE 19, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Prendergast, Mr. Stratton being out of the City. Also present the Superintendent, and the Engineer of the Board, and Mr. Guy Lowell. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the expenditures for labor on maintenance account, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to suspend about thirty men.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the boat service at Marine Park stating that Mr. Hudson's bondsmen would not assent to the proposed transfer of the ferry service to Mr. Fitzpatrick.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the abolishment of the shrubbery border adjoining Charles street, and the reconstruction of the sidewalk on the street line in connection with the work of the Charles River Basin Commission on the marginal conduit.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of Edward F. Smith regarding the division fence at Christopher Gibson Playground, stating that he would have the fence repaired.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of a South Boston Society that refuse dumped on the Strandway be covered with gravel and a dike erected to prevent the floating away of loose material, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on winter arrangements at the Women's Division at Charlesbank, recommending that the building be kept open during afternoons and early evenings, omitting the evening classes; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the employment of Miss Phelps for this purpose, at a salary of $8.00 per week, from October 15.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of the iron columns under the pier at Marine Park; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to make temporary repairs at an estimated cost of $800.

A request of the Boston Traveller that the Outing Department of that paper be allowed to erect a permanent tent in Long Crouch Woods or Dorchester Park for a series of picnics, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, relative to the condition of the electric light poles at Castle Island, was received

and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication was sent to the City Auditor requesting him to charge the expenditures for completing the wall at Columbus Avenue Playground to the balance of the loan for playgrounds, under the order of the City Council authorizing this balance to be used for construction.

Messrs Henry Parkman, James J. Storrow, George B.Morison, H. F. Adams, Dr. Hugh Cabot, Dr.George B.McGrath, Edmund D. Codman, Dr. J.Payson Clark, Benjamin P. Ellis, and Henry C. Vaughan, a representation from the Union Boat Club and Boston Athletic Association, came before the Board. Mr. Parkman opened the hearing by stating that, although the plans are not prepared, it is proposed to make an embankment back of Brimmer and Beacon streets, which will cut off the Union Boat Club from the water. This would be a serious loss to the boating interests of Boston, unless some provision should be made on the new water front for the accommodation of the Club. The Club asks that the Board grant a location on the embankment under some sort of tenure, as has been done in Philadelphia and on the parkway at South Boston. He said that, at the suggestion of the Chairman, he had conferred with the Board's Architect, Mr. Guy Lowell, who told him that it was proposed to establish a location for boat clubs down near the West Boston bridge. This location, Mr. Parkman said, is too far away from the present one, and if insisted upon it would tend to break up their Club, which is the oldest rowing organization in the United States, and has at present some two hundred active members. As reasons why the Club should be continued in its present location Mr. Parkman cited the following: Six to eight large races are rowed there on an average every year, attracting a great many visitors, some fifty or sixty thousand persons viewing the Harvard-Cornell race the other day. All these races terminate in the corner near the Union Boat Club. The clubhouse is the centre of the boating interests, it accommodates visitors on these occasions, and,generally,assists in making these races successful. Mr. Parkman said further that the Club is ready to make the boathouse ornamental and have the plans approved by the Architect. The Club would spend anywhere from ten to thirty thousand dollars for a clubhouse which would cover an area of about four thousand square feet. The boathouse need not be higher than two stories.

In answer to a question from Mr. Storer, Mr. Lowell said that from the artistic point of view it had been thought necessary to group the buildings near the end rather than provide for them in the centre of the embankment. It always was supposed to be intended to give facilities for boating, but in work of this kind much depends on the shore. The curve of the shore here

makes it undesirable to have a building at this place. The building might be set back and an interior basin constructed having an outlet to the river. In this basin accommodations for the public might be provided at the same time. The boathouses on the Schuylkill are screened by trees.

Mr. Storrow said that the plans of the Charles River Basin Commission will make conditions for boating on the river very much better than at present. When the dam is built, the flats covered, and the current done away with, a large use of the basin will be made for pleasure purposes. It would be extremely unfortunate if anything is thrown in the way of boating on the river. It is a pleasure to see pleasure boats on the basin. If the boating interests are not properly provided for now and the plans do not comprehend proper facilities for boats, the Board will see its work marred, sooner or later. The public will demand access to the water from this corner, because it is only a few steps from the Public Garden. The issue is going to be entirely different from what it is to-day, as hundreds and thousands will be seen coming down to this corner. It will be necessary to have the front used at short intervals of distance. The use of the river will be checked unless boating may be made convenient. It is an unattractive walk from the Public Garden to the Cambridge Bridge site, particularly in summer. Mr. Storrow further said that boats in a race or in practice can keep under the protection of the wall, which they could not do if a diagonal course were taken in order to reach a location near the West Boston bridge. The interests of the public require the greatest use of the water possible.

Mr. Parkman resuming said that at one time there was a statute on the books allowing the corner to be filled in, at which time there were plans drawn carrying the basin up to the boathouse. He suggested that the conduit which the Basin Commission is authorized to build might interfere with a secondary basin in the corner. Mr. Lowell asserted, in reply, that it would probably be desirable to carry a roadway along this part of the basin between the present boathouse and the water.

Mr. H. F. Adams, President of the Union Boat Club, said he had always expected the Club to be provided for, as it has been a factor in Boston life for so many years. The purpose of the park is first beauty, then practicability. What is a boat race but a gathering of the City's people? The desire of the people is that the thoroughfare be so made that people will come for miles to see a boat race. It is in the geographical centre, and within easy reach of all parts of the Metropolitan district. The Board should give serious consideration to the matter before driving us away from the location we have occupied for so long.

Mr. George B. Morison, President of the Boston Athletic Club, said that since 1889 the Athletic Club have had a boating department, with boathouses located near the Union Boat Club, and it would be for the interests of his Association to continue in their present location.

Dr. Hugh Cabot, Captain of the Boat Club, said the course is on that side of the river, owing to the prevailing direction of the wind. A diagonal course would be prohibitive in the spring, when you must take advantage of the wall and wind. A southerly and southeasterly wind give a good course. A diagonal course is objectionable because oblique to the wind. A little observation will show the necessity of having the boat clubhouse just at the end of the course, as oarsmen often need immediate attention at the finish of the race. The National Regatta will not go to a city where boathouses are not conveniently located.

Dr. McGrath, President of the New England Association of Rowing Clubs, which have races on July 4th and Labor Day, said the course is one of the finest in the country. All these New England clubs would show equal interest in the matter if they were given the opportunity.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to grant permits for the sale of refreshments at Wood Island Park on July 4th.

VOTED, that the Board approves generally of the model of a memorial for the late Francis Parkman, which was placed on the grounds at Jamaica Plain and exhibited on June 10th.

VOTED, that the Managers of the Fresh Air Fund be authorized to hold a series of picnics, for five days beginning July 25, in Long Crouch Woods, Franklin Park, under the same conditions as heretofore.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JULY 11, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also present Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A request of the Election Commissioners for permission to place a voting booth upon Commonwealth avenue at Hereford street was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of the Election Commissioners for permission to place a voting booth upon Charlestown and Prince Street playgrounds was received, and it was

VOTED, to grant the use of Charlestown Playground, and to instruct the Secretary to reply in regard to Prince Street Playground.

A communication from the Music Department in regard to interference by the orchestra at the Head House with the Sunday evening concerts, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from Edward F. McSweeney of the Boston Traveller, in acknowledgment of the Chairman's letter declining their request for a permanent location at Franklin Park for children's outings, and an application from Margaret Clancey for position of matron in the Park Department, were received and placed on file.

On the application of the New England Motor Company, for permission to run a sight-seeing motor car on the Strandway, it was

VOTED, that the New England Tally-Ho Company be permitted, until further notice, to run one of its sight-seeing motor cars from a stand located at, or at some place conveniently near, the Head House at Marine Park, over and along the Columbia Road as far as Dorchester avenue and return, for such fares and subject to such regulations as the Superintendent of Parks shall approve.

VOTED, that the sum of five hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Superintendent Pettigrew towards the expenses incident to a trip to visit various European parks and gardens, and that he be allowed two months' absence for said purpose.

A hearing was given to George C. Fitzpatrick on his application to run gasoline launches between Castle Island, Governor's Island and Wood Island Park. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he already had a landing at Governor's Island to which he had run a boat from Wood Island Park. He had also placed a float and gangway at Castle Island, and desired to run boats from there to Governor's Island on Sundays and holidays, also hourly and half-hourly

trips in the harbor on week days.

He said that he had been to considerable expense in securing the boats, and would be willing to have them inspected by the United States authorities if that can be done, otherwise by the Engineer of the Board. He said the boats would be safe to cross the channel if manned by competent men in the positions of pilot and engineer. Mr.Fitzpatrick's statements were supported by Captain J. W. Scott and Engineer John Griffin.

The matter of allowing Mr. Fitzpatrick's boats to run was then left with the Chairman.

Leo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, AUGUST 8, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Engineer of the Board and Assistant Superintendents Shea and Duncan. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Board of Election Commissioners asking for the privilege of placing voting booths on the Fairfield-street crossing of Commonwealth avenue and on Prince Street Playground, was received and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Election Commissioners to place and maintain a voting booth on Commonwealth avenue at Fairfield street, and on Prince Street Playground, from September 22 toSeptember 28, November 3 to November 18,and from December 8 to December 14, the locations of said booths to be approved by the Superintendent of Parks.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, notifying the Board that Columbia Road between the Railroad bridge and Covington street is now constructed and turned over to this Department for care and maintenance,was received and referred to the Chairman to communicate further in the matter with the Superintendent of Streets.

A communication from the Board of Police acknowledging the receipt of the Chairman's letter in regard to teams crossing the grass plot and reserved space of the Elevated Railway on Columbia Road, was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from W. C. Winslow, General Manager of the Metropolitan Coal Company, stating that he had presented the proposition of their Company's sharing the expense of improving the corner at Forest Hills, by planting shrubbery, before their directors, who are of the opinion that the Company could not go to any expense to make the change, but that he would abide by his offer to remove what gravel should be shifted, with their own teams, and at their convenience; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer again with the representatives of the Railroad Company.

A communication was received from A. H. Russell, Acting Chief of Ordnance U. S. A., in relation to the time when Fort Independence can be turned over to this Department, stating that the matter of transferring the submarine mining property to the storehouse at Fort Strong has been taken up with the Commanding General, also that the Commanding Officer, Watertown Arsenal, has been directed to investigate and report upon the best disposition to be made of the guns and gun carriages remaining on hand after the removal of the submarine mining property, and not transferred to the Park Commissioners; and the communication was placed on file.

The following bids for winter uniforms were received:

	Laborers Coats.	Pants.	Shirts.	Caps.	Teamsters Coats.
Fuller & Sullivan,	$1.47	$0.97			$2.47
H. B. Spitz,	2.00	.65	$2.00	$0.66	3.20
Hawley, Folsom & Ronimus,			1.87 1/2		
Union Hat Company,	1.90	.75	1.75	.80	2.95
M. J. Collins,	2.00				3.00
H. S. Locke & Company,	2.50	.60	1.65		3.25

together with a report and recommendation from Assistant Superintendents Duncan and Shea; and it was

VOTED, to award the coats, pants, and hats to H. B. Spitz, and the shirts to Hawley, Folsom & Ronimus, in accordance with the recommendation of Assistant Superintendents Duncan and Shea.

VOTED, that Margaret M. Lyons be appointed instructress at Randolph Street Playground, in place of Agnes Dailey resigned.

VOTED, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 89 of the Acts of the year 1905, and for the purpose of changing the easterly and westerly lines of the Huntington Entrance and the southerly line of the Back Bay Fens where it abuts upon the lot of land owned by the Museum of Fine Arts, to convey to the said Museum of Fine Arts two lots of land on the westerly side of said Entrance, containing respectively 4,963 square feet, and 17,518 square feet,

upon said Museum of Fine Arts conveying to the City two lots of land containing respectively 1023 square feet, and 33,536 square feet; also to convey to the said Museum of Fine Arts for the consideration of $23,000 a parcel of land on the easterly side of said Entrance, containing 9676 square feet, all as shown on a plan entitled "The Fens, change in boundary at and near Huntington Entrance and exchange of land with the Museum of Fine Arts authorized by Chapter 89 Acts 1905," signed by C. E. Putnam, Assistant Engineer, and filed in the office of this Board; also to make an agreement with said Museum of Fine Arts, for the above-named consideration, for the latter to reconstruct said Entrance and the parts of the Back Bay Fens in the vicinity thereof according to a plan and specifications of said proposed reconstruction, dated July 31, 1905, and signed by Charles E. Putnam, Engineer Park Department. Also to make an agreement with said Museum of Fine Arts to give rights of way in the said Huntington Entrance and the Fenway as reconstructed as aforesaid as set forth in an agreement with said Museum of Fine Arts dated July 27, 1905.

VOTED, that Laban Pratt be and hereby is authorized in behalf of this Board to receive payment from the Museum of Fine Arts for the land sold to it under agreement dated August 3d,1905, and to turn over to said Museum, pursuant to said agreement, the payment so received.

Geo. A. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 16, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also present Engineer Putnam and Assistant Superintendents Shea and Duncan. The records of the last meeting were read andapproved.

Mr. Horton S. Allen, representing the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, came before the Board with reference to its application to lay a conduit on the north side of Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington and Berkeley streets. The Board took the matter under consideration and subsequently

VOTED, not to grant the petition.

R. S. Barrows came before the Board and asked that the Board modify the restrictions on the Arborway to allow the erection of apartment houses

costing $4000 or $4500, so that land belonging to Louise Duplain may be developed. Mr. Barrows was asked to submit his request in writing.

A report of Assistant Superintendent Duncan on moving the old stable from the Strandway Playground to another location on Columbia Road, was received and the matter was laid over.

A report of Assistant Superintendent Shea on the petitions of sight-seeir automobile companies to run trips through Commonwealth avenue and the park system, was received and the matter was laid over.

Assistant Superintendent Shea's report on the accident to John Glennon was considered, and it was

VOTED, to allow Glennon full pay for the present.

Executive circular, No. 38, allowing leave of absence to veterans attending the Veteran Firemen's Muster, September 17, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company relative to making a crossing at Devon street, Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Board of Health relative to the experiment with copper sulphate at Jamaica Pond, and loss of fish, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Francis Peabody Jr.,calling attention to the insecure footing of horses at the bridge over Ipswich street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from the Harvard Improvement Association, thanking the Board for its action relative to seats at Franklin Field, and from the Federation of Jewish Charities of Boston expressing appreciation of privileges extended for the fresh air work, were received and placed on file.

Sundry communications relative to renting or buying the house on Chestnut Hill avenue were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

VOTED, that Alexander Gaertner be permitted to construct a private carriage entrance into the Riverway from his estate, according to a plan of the same drawn by S. Rantin & Son, dated August 19, 1905, and hereby approved, subject to all the conditions and specifications of the permit issued therefor, and in addition that said Gaertner shall keep said entrance in a condition of repair, satisfactory to this Board, shall remove said entrance when notified by the officer or board having for the time being the control of said Riverway, and shall restore the ground occupied or disturbed thereby to its original condition.

A hearing was given to the remonstrants to the application of H.P.Nawn

for a permit for two driveways on Columbia Road. Mr. William J. Kelly,who represented the petitioners, said that the petitioners objected to the granting of the permit to H. P. Nawn because of the damage which would result to the public in general who use the parkway, besides being injurious to the neighborhood and a nuisance, particularly if a stone crusher is to be erected there. He further said that a police officer asked Mr. Nawn for his permit and was told that it was none of his business, and that Mr. Nawn is using the sidewalk to cross into his land.

Others who appeared to remonstrate were Harry Hayler, 7 Richfield street, Edmund T. Lamb, 23 Richfield street, Peter D. McLellan, 319 Columbia Road, Charles T. Story, 16 Richfield street, Robert Blair, 5 Richfield street, William J. Kelly, 21 Richfield street, Frederick Kern, 8 Richfield street, Samuel E. Howe, Westwood street, Mrs. Christina Guthlin, 10 Richfield street, and Mrs. Augustus D. Estes, 50 Wales place. The hearing was adjourned to September 22, and a notice was sent to Mr. Nawn to cease crossing the sidewalk with his teams.

The following vote was passed:

The Board of Park Commissioners puts upon its records its expression of grief, personal and official, at the death of Mayor Collins. By the courtesy and kindliness which he showed in all the business that we had with him, he won our deep and lasting regard, and by the ability, fearlessness and high-mindedness with which he carried on the public business, he won our admiration and respect.The City of Boston has suffered a greatloss in his sudden taking away.

The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the vote to Mrs. Collins.

Upon the authority of Executive Circular, Number 39, directing all public offices and buildings to be closed during Monday, September 18th, as a mark of respect to the late Mayor Collins, supplemented by an oral statement from the Acting Mayor, it was

VOTED, to suspend work in the Department, and to allow pay to all those whose services can be dispensed with on said day as part compensation for their services.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 22, 1905.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the office of the Chairman, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew.

A continued hearing on the application of H. P. Nawn for a permit for two driveways into Columbia Road was given to the remonstrants. Mr. Nawn was also present.

Mr. William J. Kelly, on behalf of eleven remonstrants, objected to the granting of the permit. The remonstrants present were Peter D. McLellan, Mrs. A. D. Estes, Robert Blair, H. Hayner, E. T. Lamb, Mrs. Christina Guthlin, Frederick Kern, Mrs. Smith, Charles T. Story, and Samuel E. Howe,all of whom, for various reasons, objected to the granting of the permit. Subsequently the Board

VOTED, that permission be granted to H. P. Nawn to construct a private entrance from his land into Columbia Road at its junction with Richfield street, in accordance with a plan of the same dated September 22,1905, signed by said Nawn and hereby approved, subject to all the conditions and specifications of the usual form of permit to be issued therefor not inconsistent herewith, and in addition that said Nawn will erect and maintain a fence of the design and in the location shown on said plan - keep the same painted and in good repair - allow this Department to plant and maintain the area between said fence and Columbia Road in any manner it may see fit - keep the said entrance and the crossing of Columbia Road opposite thereto in a condition of repair satisfactory to this Board - remove said entrance and restore said Columbia Road to its original condition whenever said entrance is abandoned or its use discontinued, and upon said removal and at the request of said Nawn or his heirs and assigns this Department will discontinue the care and maintenance of so much of the land between said fence and Columbia Road as said Nawn or his heirs or assigns are entitled to by deed and the discontinuance of Columbia street.

In Board of Park Commissioners
September 22, 1905

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 28 of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, does hereby take in fee for a public playground the following described parcel of land situate in that part of Boston formerly Roxbury; namely,-

A parcel of land belonging to the City of Boston, bounded northeasterly by Highland street by a straight line, 67 and 80/100 feet; southeasterly by land of the City of Boston formerly taken for a playground by two lines, 217

and 77/100 feet and 400 feet; southwesterly by Ritchie street, 42 and 12/100 feet; northwesterly by other land of the City of Boston by three lines 292 and 95/100 feet, 186 and 65/100 feet, and 145 and 40/100 feet: containing 26,803 square feet, more or less.

Said parcel of land being shown on a plan dated September 22, 1905, signed by C. E. Putnam, Engineer, and deposited in the office of this Board, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Charles E. Stratton

Laban Pratt

Jas. M. Prendergast

The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the sale and removal of the house on what was formerly the White Estate at Chestnut Hill Park, and it was

VOTED, to employ S. R. Knights to advertise and sell the building.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 4, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of R. S. Barrows that the Board accept restrictions on the Duplain land on the Arborway, providing for the erection of two and three family houses to cost $5000, and recommended that the former be allowed but that three family houses be required to be of brick to cost $9000, also that the plans of the houses be approved by the Board. The Superintendent's recommendation was adopted, and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Barrows accordingly.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter of the Superintendent of Streets requesting the transfer to his Department of certain buildings formerly connected with the Marcella Street Home, and a parcel of land formerly a part of the grounds of the Home; and the Secretary was directed to reply, that, while the Board cannot accede to his request to transfer land

which they have taken for a playground, the Board will give him the use of the brick stable, carriage shed, and dwelling house thereon until further notice.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from Francis Peabody Jr., complaining of the insecure footing afforded to horses by the asphaltum covering of the bridge over Ipswich street, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting the Board to place Commonwealth Park in proper condition for football playing, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Messrs Brandeis, Dunbar and Nutter, in behalf of the Museum of Fine Arts, calling attention to the water pipes at the Huntington Entrance which run through land now belonging to the Museum, and raising the question as to their disposition, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from R. C. Morris, alleging that the flooding of the Randolph Street Playground for skating last winter caused damage to Reed's Block, and asking that safeguards be adopted to prevent a similar damage this season, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Applications from the Sanitary Dust Removing Company of Massachusetts and the Vacuum Cleaner Company, for annual permits to operate their cleaning machines in Commonwealth avenue and the parkways, were received and the Secretary was directed to issue permits as requested.

Executive Circular No. 40, directing that half-holidays be granted on September 26 and November 16, 1905, to all employees whose services can be dispensed with, without loss of pay and in part compensation for services rendered, to enable them to attend the primaries to be held for the nomination of State and City officers, was received and it was

VOTED, to grant half-holidays to the men in the employ of this Department in accordance therewith.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 14, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from R.Clipston Sturgis in regard to certain changes desired by the Schoolhouse Commission in Tremont Entrance, to conform to the schoolhouse plan, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report showing the condition of the appropriation for maintenance and the need of suspending more men and putting the remainder on half-time; and the Chairman was requested to confer with the Mayor in the matter.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the applications of the Seeing-Boston Auto Company and the International Auto Sightseeing Company for permission to run sightseeing autos in Commonwealth avenue, the Fens, and Riverway; and the matter was laid over.

A communication was received from S. D. Warren, President of the Museum of Fine Arts, enclosing a copy of a letter from French and Bryant in regard to the use of peat in the planted areas, under the agreement between the City and the Art Museum, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for report.

The following communications were received and placed on file,--from the Superintendent of Streets, accepting the offer of the Board to allow his Department to occupy until further notice the brick stable, carriage shed, and dwelling house on the Marcella Street Playground,--from G. G. Hammond in regard to the damage done to his house by the work of the Buildings Care Company in cleaning the stonework of the adjoining house on Commonwealth avenue,--from Major F. E. Hobbs, Ordnance Department U. S. A., in regard to the transfer of Fort Independence to the City of Boston,--from Corporation Counsel Babson in regard to the status of bay and oriel windows in the Dorchesterway and Strandway restrictions.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 6, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.15 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Charles Fottler for permission to sell skate straps, etc., and to conduct a lunch counter during the skating season, at Franklin Field; and it was

VOTED, that the concession heretofore granted to Charles Fottler for sharpening skates, and selling skates and skate straps at Franklin Field, including the sale of refreshments, be continued for this season, upon the same terms and conditions as before, and in addition that said Fottler keeps order and keeps the premises clean in and around the building.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Randall C. Morris relative to damage to Reed's Block caused by the flooding of Randolph Street Playground, stating that the water would be kept at a lower level during the coming winter; and the matter was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company to dump snow and ice over the seawall at Charlestown Playground, also to use certain parts of the Playground for the same purpose; and it was

VOTED, to grant the Boston Elevated Railway Company the privilege during the coming winter of dumping snow and ice over the seawall at Charlestown Playground, also upon such parts of the Playground as the Superintendent of Parks may determine can be used without detriment to this Department; said Company to protect the gateway on Alford street by erecting temporary wooden posts, and repair any damage to the iron fence caused by their teams, and do all said work under the direction and control of the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company to locate a wooden snow fence on North Brighton Playground; and it was

VOTED, that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be permitted to place and maintain about three hundred feet of snow fence on North Brighton Playground adjoining Western avenue, during the winter, to prevent snow from drifting on the street; said fence to be about fifty feet from the sidewalk and otherwise satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for furnishing periodicals for the Refectory Library; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to accept the lowest bid.

A copy of an ordinance, amending chapter 28 of the Revised Ordinances, placing Commonwealth avenue, from Brighton avenue to Chestnut Hill avenue, in charge of the Park Commissioners, was received and placed on file.

A communication from H. V. Macksey, Deputy Superintendent Paving Division of the Street Department, stating that that Department will not make any repairs or do any other work upon that part of Commonwealth avenue which has been turned over to the Park Department, was received together with Mr. Putnam's estimate of the cost of completing and repairing this part of the avenue, and the cost of maintaining it during the remainder of the financial year; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Acting Mayor in regard to an appropriation for said purposes.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets stating that the offensive odors from the Fens pond will be abated within a week or ten days, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Francis Peabody, Jr. was received in answer to a letter from the Chairman relative to Mr. Peabody's contention that the asphalt surface of the bridge over Ipswich street is dangerous to horses; and the matter was placed on file.

A communication from Acting Mayor Whelton, referring to this Board a request of Miss Anne Whitney for a permit to make changes in the pedestal of the Lief Ericson statue, was received and the Secretary was instructed to request Miss Whitney to send to the Board a plan of the proposed changes.

Executive Circular, Number 42, directing that half-holidays be allowed to all men in the employ of the City, November 7 and December 12, 1905, (State and City election days), without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services, was received, and it was

VOTED, to allow all men in the employ of this Department a half-holiday on November 7 and December 12, 1905, in accordance therewith.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Schoolhouse Commission in regard to the surface water drainage from the group of buildings to be erected for the Normal and Girls' Latin schools, and it was

VOTED, that the Schoolhouse Commission be given permission to take the surface drainage from the Normal and Girls' Latin schools into the Fens, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks, and in such manner as he may direct, said permission to be revokable at any time by this Board or by the officer or board having for the time being the control of said Fens.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Fire Commissioner Wells for permission to locate a post fire alarm box on the corner of Newbury street and Charlesgate West, in the position shown on the plan submitted by

the Fire Department, dated October 20, 1905; and it was

VOTED, to grant said permission on the conditions specified in the permit to be issued therefor, and in addition that the Fire Department shall keep the said box and post in good order, and shall remove the same when notified by this Board or by the officer or board having for the time being the control of said Charlesgate West.

Alderman Curley came before the Board and stated that the older boys and young men in the vicinity of Fellows Street Playground would like the privilege of using the playground in the evening when it is not in use by the children. They would also like to have the entrance from Fellows street restored,and a hand-ball court erected which they can use after 6 P.M., to be constructed of wood without a concrete base. The Chairman said that the Board would look into it and see what can be done for the older boys,including the hand-ball court.

VOTED, that John Glennon's pay be fixed at $2.25 per day.

Geo. F. Leland
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 16, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being absent from the City; also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. John Travers, with his counsel, Joseph J. Gallagher, came before the Board in the matter of the notice handed to Mr. Travers on November 14,notifying him of the intention of the Board to reduce his compensation from $3.00 per day to $2.25 per day, for lack of employment as foreman of gardening gang Mr. Gallagher stated that his client admitted receiving legal notice of the intention of the Board to reduce his pay, and of the hearing tendered to him, and that he appeared under protest believing that the hearing is improperly held. He preferred to follow the language of the statute and ask for a hearing, rather than to accept one in which the initiative was taken by the Board because he might waive some rights that he otherwise might have under the statute. The Chairman stated, that, in view of Mr.Gallagher's statement, the Board would declare the hearing closed, and suggested that Mr.Gallagher

confer with the Law Department, under whose directions the proceedings were held; subsequently it was

VOTED, that the compensation of John Travers, employed in this Department as gardener, be reduced from $3.00 per day to $2.25 per day, for the reason stated in the notice given to him November 14, 1905, under chapter 314 of the acts of 1904.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. S. W. Johnson that the four houses erected by him on Columbia Road, as shown on the plan submitted by him, are at a less distance than five feet from the side line of the lots upon which the same are placed, and are therefore a breach of the restrictions upon the land, and that, while the Board does not intend to take present action in regard to this matter, future events may require the Board to take some action to enforce this restriction.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel, advising the Board in regard to the above matter, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the Superintendent arrange with the Street Department to fill in with City ashes the large pond and adjoining pool at Marine Park.

VOTED, that the Secretary issue a permit to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company to make slight changes in the position of its poles in that part of Commonwealth avenue from Brighton avenue to Chestnut Hill avenue, as shown on the plans submitted by said Company, but said permission shall not be construed as giving said Company any permanent location for its poles in said avenue, or to permit the placing of any more wires thereon, the fixed policy of the Board being that all wires in the park system shall be underground.

VOTED, that notice be given to R. B.Hudson, to terminate in six months the agreement or lease between him and the City of Boston concerning the keeping and care of boats at Marine Park; and a communication to that effect, signed by the Chairman, was approved, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the same to Mr. Hudson.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 22, 1905.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 12.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast.

VOTED, to remove the buildings from Marcella Street Playground which were recently temporarily given in charge of the Street Department, and that the Secretary notify the Superintendent of Streets of this action, and inform him that the Board has no objection to his removing the buildings if his Department can make any use of them in its business.

VOTED, to authorize the Street Department, Sewer Division, to construct a surface drain outlet in Westland Entrance, to connect with the 7-foot foul-flow conduit of Stony Brook, and in the location shown on a plan of the same, dated October, 1905, and on condition that the manhole covers within the park shall be below the level of the ground.

VOTED, to give the Superintendent full charge of the office building and all officers and employees of the Department at Pine Bank.

VOTED, that the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be permitted to erect and maintain three poles with the wires thereon in West Roxbury Parkway at Anawan avenue, as shown on the plan, dated November 4, 1905, and filed with its petition for this permit, subject to the provisions and regulations governing the erection, maintenance and removal of poles and wires by said Company under the votes of this Board of September 5, 1893, November 13, 1893, May 21, 1894 and December 1, 1902.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company asking permission to dump snow in emergencies, such as heavy storms, during the coming winter, on unfinished portions of the Strandway Playground, was received and it was

VOTED, to grant the request, the locations of the dumps and the method of dumping being made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

Leo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 29, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of James C.Steinebrey, with request for instructions; and the Secretary was instructed to see the Corporation Counsel in regard to the case.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council relative to providing proper lighting facilities at Columbus Avenue Playground, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of members of the Boston Hockey Association for two lighted hockey rinks at Franklin Field,and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Miss Sawtelle, Principal of the Hancock School, that a portion of Prince Street Playground be turned over to the School Garden Committee; and the matter was placed on file.

A communication from the Secretary of the Art Commission relative to the lettering on the William Lloyd Garrison statue, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from R. C. Sturgis, Chairman Schoolhouse Department, stating that the Street Department intended to provide surface drainage for the group of school buildings at Tremont Entrance; from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, relative to removal of wires at Forest Hills; and from the Board of Health regarding permit to fill ponds at Marine Park were received and placed on file.

Mr. John F. Cronin, Chairman Democratic Ward Committee of Ward 23,came before the Board with reference to the Travers case and also the Keyes-street sewer. Regarding the latter he said that the Deputy Superintendent of the Sewer Division stated that the Street Department would maintain the sewer, but that it would be unfair to ask the abutters to pay a proportion of the cost of the sewer, as they will be charged for the cost of the new sewer when it is extended from Forest Hills to Green street, which would be equivalent to paying twice for the privilege of sewerage. He said there were not many houses on Keyes street and probably only one house will enter the sewer. The Board took the matter under advisement, and subsequently,

VOTED, to allow the abutters on Keyes street to enter the Keyes-street sewer under the conditions named in the Chairman's letter of November 27 to

E. S. Dorr, Chief Engineer of the Street Department, Sewer Division, except the payment ofany part of the cost of the sewer.

Mr. Cronin stated, regarding the Travers' case, that Mr. Travers' pay had been reduced, and when he protested he was given a hearing, at which time formal action was taken to reduce his pay. Mr. Travers claimed that he had been deprived unlawfully of his rights, that he can take his case to court and will do so unless the Board will rectify the matter. Mr. Cronin said that he did not desire to criticise the Department or take any political action, but that those back of Mr. Travers think that his pay should be restored to what it was before the reduction and arrears of pay be given him from the time it was reduced, and that, if the Board does not take favorable action in the matter, they will bring it to the attention of the Acting Mayor

The Chairman stated in reply that the Board having voted to reduce Mr. Travers' pay after a hearing cannot take up the matter again. As to the future the Board has to try and apply its funds to the best advantage. If they have work for Travers to do they should keep him. Not having work for him as a foreman they give him a chance to work in a subordinate position. Not having the work,or the money to pay him, they have to act accordingly. The Chairman said that the Board would further consider the matter, and, subsequently, notified Mr. Cronin that the Board cannot reconsider its action in reducing Mr. Travers' pay.

The Superintendent was instructed to arrange with the Street Department to fill in the low ground at Billings Field with City ashes, during the winte

Geo. F. Delaskey
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 15, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Executive Circular, Number 43, calling for annual estimates, was receive, and the Superintendent submitted an itemized statement of expenditures on maintenance account for the present financial year, together with a report on maintenance of the parks for the next financial year. Estimates were,thereupo prepared for transmission to the Acting Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the appropriation for maintenance, showing the need of curtailing expenditures, and it was

VOTED, to suspend December 18 the men who were reinstated November 8,1905, and to place on half-time such other men as the Superintendent shall select, also to reduce the pay of such men receiving more than $2.00 per day as the Superintendent may find work for as laborers at $2.00 per day; and that the Secretary send to each man a notice of the proposed action, stating as the reason for such action, lack of funds in the appropriation.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that the dwelling house on Marcella Street Playground be repaired at an expense of about $300, and rented to the caretaker at $10.00 per month, and that the brick stable be advertised and sold at public auction. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to repair and rent the dwelling house, and to employ S. R. Knights to sell the stable.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the plan of C. Howard Walker of proposed change in pedestal of the Lief Ericson monument, suggesting the removal of the basin; and the Secretary was instructed to reply to Mr. Walker, stating that the Board would be pleased to have the opinion of Miss Whitney and the Art Commission on this suggestion.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Ralph G. Stowell for an extension of the boating and refreshment privilege at Jamaica Pond,recommending its continuance for one year; and it was

VOTED, that, with the approval of the Mayor, the rights and privileges heretofore granted to Ralph G. Stowell, of maintaining and operating for hire a public boat service at Jamaica Pond, together with the right to sell light refreshments, including confectionery and fruit (except bananas, watermelons, and unshelled peanuts), be extended for the season of 1906; on condition that he furnishes an equipment of boats and landing facilities equal to those furnished heretofore and keeps his premises for the sale of refreshments clean and tidy; all of said service to be under the supervision of the Superintendent of Parks, and to be subject to revocation if the business is not carried on to the satisfaction of the Board.

A communication from the Division Superintendent New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, transmitting agreement executed by that Company in accordance with the vote of the Board granting said Company a temporary location for three poles in the parkway at Anawan avenue, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the Board will accept an agreement containing restrictions to be imposed upon land of Louisa B. Dutton and others, adjoining Riverway, providing for a reserved space as shown on the plan thereof, dated December 1,

1905, including an agreement that any betterments assessed upon estates belonging to them on account of the laying out and construction of said park shall be assumed by the City of Boston.

The Board approved the plan of water-pipe connection in Mystic Playground between the shaft of the water-pipe tunnel under Mystic river and Chelsea street.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 26, 1905.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on public carriage stands on Commonwealth avenue; and it was

VOTED, to grant the locations of public hackney carriages in Commonwealth avenue, named in the list submitted by the Board of Police with its letter of December 8, except that allotted to Daniel Sullivan, said location being now occupied by John J. Toomey.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Christmas holiday with reference to the men not working Christmas week; and it was

VOTED, to give these men a holiday without loss of pay during the following week, in lieu of Christmas Day.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the orders of the Common Council requesting the Board to provide electric lights at Franklin Field and Strandway Playground for skating; and the orders were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of A. H. Kirkland for a brief report on the condition of the City in regard to the gypsy and brown-tail moths; and the Superintendent was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report in reference to the expense attending the meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Association of Park Superintendents at Boston, amounting to $17.00; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Chairman to approve the bill for said amount, to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to flood Rogers Park and vacant land between North Beacon street and the Boston and Albany Railroad for skating, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply. The Superintendent was authorized to construct a dam for the purpose of flooding Rogers Park Playground, at an expense of about $150.

City Council orders requesting the Board to place the employees of the Park Department on a permanent basis, also to have the parks and playgrounds flooded for skating purposes, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Wilson H. Fairbank, Executive Commissioner, Board of Managers for Massachusetts of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, Portland, Oregon, stating that a gold medal was awarded the Park exhibit, and presenting the Department with a silk banner as a souvenir, with the compliments of the Board of Managers, was received and placed on file.

A communication from George P. Beckford, on behalf of the West Roxbury Citizen's Association, asking that the filling of the low land at Billings Field be suspended in order that skating may be afforded there, was received, and the Superintendent was instructed to flood the playground as usual.

Geo. F. Pelaster
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 3, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also present Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to James C. Steinebrey, and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Steinebrey that, unless he is able to return to work by February 1, the end of the financial year, his name will be dropped from the pay-roll.

Executive Circulars 1 to 3, directing heads of departments to place the salaries or wages of employees at the same amounts as they were September 16, 1905, and to furnish a list of all persons who have entered the service since that date, were received and placed on file.

VOTED, that rule 4 of the general rules adopted by this Board August 31, 1903 as amended May 9, 1904, be further amended so that the second, third, and fourth clauses thereof shall read as follows:--any vehicle in a funeral

procession, or any hearse, except on the road from Forest Hills street to the entrance of Forest Hills Cemetery, or -- any motor vehicle in Arnold Arboretum or in Franklin Park, except on said road or Glen Lane, or in any park, parkway or reservation unless conforming in all respects to the laws relating to the registering of automobiles and motor cycles and for licensing operators thereof, or -- any led horse, or any vehicle for merchandise except on said road, Glen Lane, or the road across the Riverway in extension of Bellevue street, or in going by the shortest route to the nearest public way to take from such reservation, or to leave therein, a person or merchandise; by inserting after the words "Commonwealth avenue" in rule 5, the words,-- between Arlington and Beacon streets; and by inserting after the words "eight miles an hour" in said rule 5, the words,--or in any other part of said avenue.

A hearing was given to Hugo P. Strekfus on his request to be heard relative to his suspension. Mr. Strekfus stated his belief that he had been suspended for other reasons than that given in the notice sent to him. He said it was because he had objected to being put to work scraping gutters as not being gardener's work, and asked Mr. Duncan to allow him to do pruning work. Mr. Duncan, he said, told him that he was not competent to prune, which Mr. Strekfus denied as he had been pruning and doing other gardening work since last March. Mr. Duncan, he said sent him to Mr. Pettigrew who told him he would have to suspend him. Mr. Strekfus further said that he was the only skilled man suspended, that he was not suspended when the rest were for lack of funds, and ought not to be suspended now for that reason. Subsequently, it was

VOTED, that Hugo P. Strekfus employed in this Department as gardener be suspended from and after December 29, 1905, for the reason of lack of funds in the appropriation.

A hearing was given to Messrs. Joseph Engel and C. S. B. Cowling on the petition of Mr. Cowling and others protesting against the granting of permits to do business on Franklin Field. Mr. Engel, as the landlord of two of the signers of the petition, stated that while he considered the sharpening of skates a public convenience, to which he did not object, the sale of refreshments which is carried on in connection with it hurts the business of his tenants. Mr. Engel said that he thought the Board ought not to permit anything to be done on the public grounds which would compete with the business of those established near them. Mr. Cowling stated his objection to the sale of refreshments on the Field, which, he said, injured his business. The Board took the subject under consideration, together with a report on the matter submitted by the Superintendent.

A hearing was given to Samuel W. Johnson on his request that the Board pass a vote declaring the houses built by him on Columbia Road to be substantially in accordance with the restrictions on the land. Mr. Johnson stated that he procured a permit from the Building Department to build four houses on this land, each house to be three feet from a line drawn midway between them, and that he had placed the houses six and one-half feet apart, believing that he had more than fulfilled the requirements of the law. He did not know, he said, that the restrictions required the houses to be further apart than this, but he recognizes that ignorance on his part was no excuse. He said that he thought he was justified in asking the Board to relieve him from a situation which interfered with the sale of the houses. The Chairman stated that the Board sympathized with him and would do anything that the Law Department said it could do under the circumstances.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 15, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting that electric lights be placed on the Strandway, between K street and the bridge, that a plank walk be provided on the Cottage-street side of Cottage Street Playground, and that Mystic Playground be flooded for skating; and the several orders were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting that a boat landing be located on the Strandway at the foot of Newman street, and that the Board include in its appropriation a sum sufficient for the erection of a hand-ball court on the Fellows Street Playground; and the orders were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from John A. Driscoll protesting against the lowering of the water in Randolph Street Playground and lessening the area of the skating pond, and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of barbed wire fences at Allandale and Seaver streets, to prevent trails, which was placed on file.

A request of John E. Patts, Secretary Local #242, International Brotherhood of Staticnary Firemen, that the Committee be granted an audience in relation to an employee in the Park Department, was received and placed on file, the communication already having been replied to.

A Health Department circular, relative to regulations respecting the handling and storing of stable manure, was received and placed on file.

Communications from John J. Toomey and the Board of Police relative to a carriage stand on the northwest corner of Gloucester street and the park on Commonwealth avenue, were received and placed on file.

A communication from George C. Fitzpatrick relative to conducting a boat service at Marine Park and other places, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Geo. F. McCarthy
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 23, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of installing a swimming tank at the Refectory Building, Franklin Park, and fitting up the basement for gymnastic purposes.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the outstanding bills of the Printing Department, and the Secretary was instructed to reply to the letter of the Superintendent of Printing.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication addressed to Mayor Fitzgerald relative to skating at Cottage Street Playground, and on orders of the Common Council requesting the completion of that part of Franklin Park between Seaver street and School street, and that lights be furnished at Charlesbank for skating; and the matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report stating that the bid of Henry B.

Spitz, for summer uniforms, was the only proposal received, although bids were asked from sixteen firms and individuals; and the Superintendent was authorized to accept the proposal.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition of George C. Fitzpatrick for boat privileges at Marine Park and other places, and the matter was laid over pending further inquiry by the Superintendent.

A communication from the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, relative to a request for a hearing, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association in regard to the work at Charlesbank was received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 2, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of equipping a steam roller with new tires, with bids for the same; and it was

VOTED, that the proposal of the Daniel Russell Boiler Works, for 1 1/2 inch tires, at a cost of $570, be accepted.

The Superintendent submitted bids for laying asphaltum floors in the sanitaries and two hallways, in the locker building at Marcella Street Playground, and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of Simpson Brothers Corporation to do the work for $131.75.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to Mr. Fitzpatrick's proposition to provide a boat service by gasoline launches, at Marine Park and other places, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending a change in the specifications for the roadway which is being constructed at the Fens by the Museum Trustees, and it was

VOTED, to approve the specifications submitted by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that he be given authority to put the men on full time while the weather is favorable for outdoor work, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to put the men on full time while work can be done to advantage, and to lay them off again should the weather become too severe for outdoor work.

VOTED, that John Glennon be paid $2.50 per day from January 26.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 5, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 PM. Present Messrs. Stratton, and Pratt, also present the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report was received from the Superintendent in regard to the cost of equipping a boat service to be operated by this Department, which was referred to the Chairman.

Mayor's Circular No. 5, calling attention to the ordnance regarding printing etc., was received and laid on file.

On application of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company it was

VOTED, that the Secretary issue a permit to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to replace two defective poles on Commonwealth avenue, near Brighton avenue, but said permission shall not be construed as giving said Company any permanent location for its poles in said avenue or to permit the placing of any more wires thereon, the fixed policy of the Board being that all wires in the park system shall be underground.

The Board gave a hearing to John J. Toomey and Daniel Sullivan in regard to the carriage stand at the park on the northwest corner of Commonwealth avenue and Gloucester street. Mr. Toomey stated that he had occupied this stand since 1889 when he bought it from Arthur Timmins. Mr. Toomey exhibited his licenses for 1902 and 1904, the former having the word "park" inserted, which was omitted in the latter. He claimed to have held the stand without objection of the police until the license was given to Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan, who also came before the Board, stated that he had bought this stand and one at the corner of Gloucester and Marlboro' streets from a

Mrs. Slattery, to whom it had been given instead of another stand on Gloucester and Marlboro' streets which she formerly held, and which was given to another when she sold out. Mr. Sullivan said he had the license for the Commonwealth avenue stand since last November, but until lately there has not been trade enough to keep a carriage there.

The Board took the matter under advisement, and subsequently

VOTED, to grant the location to John J. Toomey.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 12, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the suspended men and the giving of a holiday to the men who did not work on Christmas week.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to make connection between the underground cable and three poles on Commonwealth avenue, between Beacon street and Brighton avenue, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Secretary to issue a permit to the Company to do the work in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation; and to write to the General Manager that the Board does not wish the granting of the permit to be construed as allowing the maintenance of overhead wires in this avenue, the fixed policy of the Board being that all wires in the Park system shall be underground.

The Superintendent submitted a report on notice of a hearing before the Aldermen relative to the petition of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company for a location for seven poles on Foster street, and a communication was sent to the Mayor entering objection thereto.

The Superintendent submitted a supplementary report on the location of a boat landing at the foot of Newman street, as requested by a recent order of the Common Council; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication was received from Corporation Counsel, Thomas M. Babson, relative to an agreement to settle the suit of Sarah A. Leatherbee and others for the taking of land on Albany and Randolph street for a playground, and it was

VOTED, to approve the settlement by the Law Department of the suit of Sarah A. Leatherbee and others for land taken August 7, 1903, for Randolph Street Playground, for the sum of forty thousand dollars, without interest.

Mr. Hosea Hyde of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company came before the Board in relation to the removal of two of their poles from the Parkway at Forest Hills. Mr. Hyde said the Elevated Railway Company have their span wires on these poles, and if the poles were removed others would have to be erected to support the trolley wires. The situation at the present time is such that it is difficult to know what to do. When the elevated railroad comes some other arrangement might have to be made. The Chairman stated that the Board would take into consideration Mr. Hyde's representations.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 26, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire Street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposed location of poles on Foster street by the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, recommending changing the location of one pole to the other side of the street; and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent to arrange the matter with the Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report on reductions in salaries of carpenters, foremen, and gardeners during the year, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on cost of tablet to mark the John Hancock steps at Pine Bank, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for further report.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council relative to providing a shelter at Castle Island, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Joseph L. Bergman relative to proposed building at the corner of C street, Seventh street, and Columbia Road, opposite the Boston Yacht Club, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from Miss Anne Whitney, relative to the time of beginning work on the Lief Ericson statue, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Board of Police, in answer to the Chairman's letter regarding injury to benches and other City property at North Brighton Playground, was received and placed on file.

A request of John J. Scannell for additional coupé at the southwest corner of Commonwealth avenue and Massachusetts avenue was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications were received from the Secretary of Local Union 242, International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, acknowledging the action of the Board in increasing the pay of John Glennon; from A. W. Stedman, in answer to the Chairman's letter regarding addition to his automobile house in West Roxbury Parkway; and from Faneuil Improvement Association of Brighton, acknowledging the action of the Board in causing Rogers Park to be flooded for skating, which were read and placed on file.

VOTED, to amend the regulations for fences, signs, trees, etc., by adding at the end of section 3 the words,-or erect any structure or make any excavation in such road or way.

VOTED, that the title of the regulations for fences, signs, trees, etc. be changed to read as follows: Regulations for streets and boundary roads in charge of the Park Commissioners and lands abutting on the same.

A communication was received from William D. Sohier in regard to uniform automobile signs and referred to the Superintendent for report. A hearing was given to Francis Hurtubis, Jr., and Frederic Tudor on the same subject.

Mr. Hurtubis said that he represented as counsel the Automobile Owner's Association and the Massachusetts State Automobile Association, both of which desire that the park signs referring to automobiles should conform with those adopted by the State Highway Commission and which are being adopted all over the State, also that the small signs at the Park entrances should be made more conspicuous, and the "danger" signs, indicating sharp curves or dangerous crossings, should be made more definite, and should be one hundred and fifty feet from a corner or crossing. These signs with "speed" and "exclusion" signs should be uniform with those used elsewhere in the State. Mr. Hurtubis also asked that the speed limit on Commonwealth avenue be made ten miles an hour. Mr. Frederic Tudor, President of the Automobile Owners' Association, said he concurred in all that Mr. Hurtubis had said.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise for team work the same as last year.

VOTED, that rule 3 of the general rules adopted by the Board August 31, 1903, and amended May 9, 1904, and January 8, 1906, be further amended by inserting before the word "parkway" the word,-boundary, and by striking out the word "aforesaid".

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 5, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Messrs. Muldoon, requesting permission to use a portion of Prince Street Playground during building operations on land adjoining, and the Secretary was instructed to allow them the use of five feet of the playground, procided they erect a strong fence satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Deputy Superintendent Dorr relative to ventilation of Gatehouse No. 2, at the Fens; and it was

VOTED, to approve the plan numbered 2 in red showing copper chimney projecting slightly above the roof.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from William D. Sohier regarding the uniformity of automobile signs, and a letter was received from Francis Hurtubis, Jr. on the same subject, also requesting the Board to increase the speed limit on Commonwealth avenue to ten miles an hour and to open at least one more road in Franklin Park to automobiles; and it wa

VOTED, not to grant these requests, and to consider the matter of uniformity of signs further.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Thomas H. Hughes, requesting a rebate on granolithic walks on Columbia Road, and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the use of westrumite in the Chicago South Parks, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposed inscription for the John Hancock steps at Pine Bank, and the Superintendent was instructed

to cut on the steps "From the terrace of the John Hancock Mansion."

The Superintendent reported that an automobile belonging to a garage is employed on Columbia Road teaching autcists, and the Secretary was instructed to inform the police.

A communication was received from the Mayor designating this Board as the public officer or board charged with the duty of destroying the gypsy and brown-tail moths on private property, which was placed on file, and the Superintendent was authorized to make a requisition on the Civil Service Commission for thirty additional men with special qualifications for said duty.

Communications from the Board of Police relative to mutilation of trees on Audubon Road and acknowledging receipt of letter relative to amendment of rules for fences, signs, trees, etc., were received and placed on file.

A communication was received from Isabella S. Gardner requesting permission to erect,and maintain from March 10 to March 21, a temporary covered entrance to her house on the Fenway, for two entertainments to be given on those days. It was

VOTED, to grant the request; and the Secretary was instructed to issue a permit to Mrs. Gardner for said purpose.

Thomas Hills came before the Board in regard to his rights in the passageway, formerly running from K street to the water, a part of which he had transferred to the City. He said he had been informed by the Law Department that the rights reserved by him were rights of passage merely, and would not allow him to project porches or bay windows over the passageway. In order to get this right it would be necessary for the City Council to act, which he thought they would do if requested by the Commissioners. He suggested that it would improve conditions along this part of the Strandway if the passageway were taken by the City by right of eminent domain, thus preventing its use as a back alleyway. He advocated the purchase of the Gifford lot, to be added to the land now belonging to the City, and said that, although assessed for $1700, it could probably be bought for the mortgage and interest, or about $1200. The Chairman stated that the Board would look into the matter, and that, if any land were to be taken, it would be necessary to secure an appropriation for that purpose.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 19, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Prendergast, Mr. Stratton being absent from the City. Also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Thomas E. Folger that the Board consent to a modification of the restrictions on land on Seaver street belonging to the L. M. Sargent Heirs; and the Secretary was directed to notify him that the Board regrets that they cannot modify the restrictions as he requests.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Henry D. Martin, in regard to the refreshment privilege at Castle Island, and the Secretary was instructed to reply that the refreshment privilege is already let.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the matter of the appointment of an instructor for the Women's Gymnasium at Charlesbank, in place of Miss Cutler, resigned; and the Superintendent was instructed to see Miss Harris, the nominee of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association.

Mayor's Circulars Nos. 6, 7, and 8 were received and placed on file.

A communication was received from Corporation Counsel Babson stating that he had agreed, subject to the approval of the Board, to settle the case of Horace L. Bearse for damages for land taken for the Randolph Street Playground, for $65,000 without interest; and it was

VOTED, that the Secretary be instructed to inform the Mayor of the settlement proposed by the Corporation Counsel.

Proposals for establishing a boat service at Marine Park were received from George C. Fitzpatrick and from C. W. Stevens. The proposals were taken under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 24, 1903.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr.Pratt's office, 50 Congress street, at 12.30 P.M. Present Messrs. Pratt and Prendergast, Mr. Stratton being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the propositions received for a boat service at Marine Park, and it was

VOTED, to reject all of the proposals received.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the appointment of a successor to Miss Cutler, at the Charlesbank Gymnasium, and it was

VOTED, to appoint Miss Mirriam Harris, the nominee of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, to said position.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Mr. Putnam on the adaptability of Governor's Island for purposes of recreation.

A communication was received from the Boston Work Horse Parade Association to use Commonwealth avenue from Beacon street to the Brookline line,for the formation of its parade, and Commonwealth avenue from Beacon street to Massachusetts avenue, for its procession, on May 30, and it was

VOTED, to permit the Boston Work Horse Parade Association to use Commonwealth avenue from Beacon street to the Brookline line, for the formation of its parade, and Commonwealth avenue from Beacon street to Massachusetts avenue, for its procession, on May 30.

A communication was received from Corporation Counsel Babson requesting an early decision in regard to the Bearse case, and the matter was laid over pending a reply from the Mayor to the letter of Commissioner Prendergast.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON,MARCH 26, 1903.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 50 Congress street, at 11.45 A.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Prendergast, Mr. Stratton being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

The communication from Corporation Counsel Babson in relation to the Bearse case was taken up. Mr. Prendergast stated that he had been in commu-

nication with the Mayor by telephone, and that the Mayor is strongly of opinion that real estate in the South End is assessed up to its full value and that the case could be tried. It was thereupon

VOTED, not to approve the settlement of the Bearse case, recommended by the Corporation Counsel, on account of the Mayor's objections; and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Babson that the Board is unable to approve the settlement.

A communication was received from the Board of Police in regard to Mr. Sullivan's claims to the cabstand at the corner of Commonwealth avenue and Gloucester street. Further consideration of the matter was postponed until the Chairman's return, and the Secretary was instructed to notify the Police Board accordingly.

A communication was received from F.S. Curtis, Second Vice-President of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, in relation to the improvement of the land occupied by the Metropolitan Coal Company at Forest Hills, and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, April 9, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 50 Congress street, at 12.30 P.M. Present Messrs'Pratt and Prendergast, Mr. Stratton being absent from the City; also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting and of special meetings of March 24 and 26 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the adaptability of Governor's Island for public use, as requested by the Mayor in his letter of March 14; and the matter was referred to the Chairman pro.tem. to report to the Mayor.

The Superintendent reported on the order of the Common Council,requesting that the loose stones be removed from the beach at Marine Park, to be replaced with sand, that the cost would be in the neighborhood of $9800,and the matter was referred to the Chairman pro tem. for reply.

A communication was received from Charles A. French, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Boston Yacht Club, requesting leave to erect additional locker buildings on its premises, as shown by the plans therewith sub-

mitted. The matter was laid over until the Chairman's return.

A further communication from George C. Fitzpatrick, in regard to establishing a boat service at Marine Park, was received, and the Superintendent was instructed to request Mr. Fitzpatrick to furnish references as to his ability to undertake the contract to furnish steamboats to run between Marine Park and Castle Island, and that the Board will not entertain any proposition for running gasoline boats between Wood Island, Governor's Island and Castle Island.

A communication was received from Joseph L. Bergman, suggesting the desirability of changing the plans for his proposed building on O street, Seventh street, and Columbia Road, to provide a garage in place of a tennis court. The communication was placed on file until such time as Mr. Bergman is prepared to submit plans for the building.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Isabel Blake, asking the reason for the removal of seats from the Arboretum and requesting that they be restored, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with Professor Sargent on his return.

A communication was received from the East Boston Cricket Club, requesting permission to play cricket on the grounds at Wood Island Park, during the coming summer, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for report.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 20, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the applications of the Boston and the West India Cricket Clubs to use creases at Franklin Field, also of the East Boston Cricket Club to use a crease at Wood Island Park, during the coming season, and it was

VOTED, that the East Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent, to use a portion of Wood Island Park, for the purpose of playing cricket, during the season of 1906.

VOTED, that the Boston and the West India Cricket clubs be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent, to use the cricket crease at Franklin Field, during the season of 1903, and to have such use of the building on the Talbot-avenue side as he may think practicable.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the use of Wood Island Park, on Saturday, June 9; and it was

VOTED, that the request be granted under the direction of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Hebrew Industrial School to use the children's gardens at Charlesbank, as last year, and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Alderman Cauley that he be allowed to control the concessions at Charlestown Playground on June 17; and it was

VOTED, to issue permits the same as last year.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the notice of the hearing on the application of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company for location of an electric light pole on Foster street, Brighton, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the matter of unauthorized dumping of material on Commonwealth Park; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that a portion of Commonwealth Park be set aside for a recreation ground for women and children; and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent at his request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Ralph G. Stowell for the privilege of the boat service at Jamaica Pond for three years, and the Superintendent was authorized to inform him that the Board would give a lease for one year, on fifty dollars rental, and would see that no injustice was done him when the leasing of the privilege again comes up.

The Superintendent submitted reports on recent correspondence with Mr. Fitzpatrick regarding the boat service at Marine Park, and on expenditures to date on Marcella Street Playground and moth extermination work on private estates, which were placed on file.

On the Superintendent's recommendation it was

VOTED, to authorize him to purchase two buggy horses for the use of the Department.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the accident to Theodore S.

Oakhem during moth extermination work, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report and recommendation for increase of wages of certain employees, and it was

VOTED, to increase the pay of the following named persons to the amounts set against their names, and that the Chairman submit the names to the Mayor for his approval;

William Scanlon,	Harness-maker,	from $2.50 to $2.75 per day
W. H. Taylor,	Machinist,	" 2.75 " 3.00 " "
J. T. Ford,	Blacksmith,	" 3.00 " 3.25 " "
M. V. Daly,	Painter,	" 2.75 " 3.00 " "
T. L. Gaffney,	Painter,	" 2.50 " 2.75 " "
M. Feeley,	Pipe-fitter,	" 2.50 " 2.75 " "
H. G. Farrington,	Painter,	" 2.25 " 2.50 " "
John McGrail,	Blacksmith's helper,	" 2.00 " 2.25 " "
Joseph Batts,	Carpenter,	" 2.25 " 2.50 " "
Jeremiah Downey,	Playground keeper,	" 2.00 " 2.25 " "
M. J. Burke,	Wagon-maker.	" 3.00 " 3.25 " "
Michael O'Brien,	Caretaker, Chestnut Hill,	2.25 " 2.50 " "

The Superintendent submitted a report of the insubordination of John Linnane, and the Secretary was instructed to send him a notice of suspension, in the usual form, for the said reason.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the discharge of Michael J. Murphy and his request for a hearing; and the Secretary was instructed to notify him that a hearing will be given to him on Monday next, at 3 P.M., at the Chairman's office.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the wages and holidays for matrons in the employ of the Department; and it was

VOTED, to pay matrons $10.00 per week and give them one day off each fortnight.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Mrs. Brennan for a position as matron at Marcella Street Playground; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company requesting permission to erect feed wires on Arborway, temporarily, during the erection of its elevated structure, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Brookline Health Department relative to the extermination of mosquitos in the water of Riverway and in Olmsted Park to Willow Pond Road, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication was received from Corporation Counsel Babson, stating that he had settled, subject to the approval of the Board, the petition of William H. Hart for damages for land taken for the Strandway, for the sum of $3700; and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of William H. Hart for damages for land taken for the Strandway August 1, 1901, for the sum of $3700 without interest.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 23, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman.s office, 66 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt,and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to filling the Fens' Playground, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to make the best arrangement he can with the Fuller Construction Company for excavated material to be delivered at the Fens' Playground, but not to exceed ten cents per load.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for permission to run a feed wire in Arborway, between South and Washington streets; and it was

VOTED, that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be permitted to temporarily erect, maintain and use one 500,000 c. m. feed wire on the Arborway between South street and Washington street, at Forest Hills, as shown on a plan thereof filed in the office of this Board, said wire to be removed as soon as the elevated structure has been extended to Forest Hills square and necessary feed wires installed thereon.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the appointment of an attendant to take the places of those who are to have vacations in accordance with the vote passed at the last meeting of the Board, and the Superintendent was directed to see the candidates and submit a recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the work of destroying the gypsy and brown-tail moths, recommending cessation of the work for the present; and it was

VOTED, to suspend from and after April 24 those men, recently employed on the gypsy and brown-tail moth work, whom the Superintendent cannot find work for, and that the Secretary send to each man a notice of the proposed action, stating as the reason for such action, lack of work.

A hearing was given to Michael J. Murphy on the notice of his suspension for insubordination. Mr. Murphy was present with his counsel, Mr. Cronin. Mr. Cronin said that the difficulty which caused Murphy's suspension arose while he was working for Foreman McNulty. Murphy, he said, claimed that McNulty had a grudge against him and would not give him a fair show. Mr. Murphy stated in his own behalf that he was handling ladders under Mc.Nulty, when he started to pick up the moth nests as it was getting late and he knew the ground had to be cleaned up by night. He was taking off the nests when McNulty told him to bring the limbs up to the street, which he finally did although he had the last limb in his hand when McNulty told him to bring the limb and not to take the nest off. McNulty told him to report to Mr. Duncan, which he did on the following day. Mr. Dunaen told him to go back. McNulty wouldn't put him to work, and the next morning Mr. Duncan told him he had no work for him and would lay the case before the Superintendent.

Mr. Murphy further said that he was only called to work recently, he hadn't worked before since December. He had no trouble with any other foreman except Bean. He couldn't work for McNulty, who, he said, was down on him and had told him that he would have him looking for another job. Had been sent to Mr. Duncan several times before and been sent back.. The last time Mr. Duncan said to him, "Murphy, you are all the time making trouble", and wouldn't put him to work. He said a foreman on the gypsy moth work, named Cooper, remarked on two occasions to Murphy that McNulty didn't like him.

Murphy said he was a married man with eight children and first worked for the department in 1880 or 1881, and went back about eight years ago. He was suspended last summer and again in December. The trouble with Bean, he said, was when hoeing between the bridges near the Administration building. Mr. Shea put him to work - was asked to go across to finish a walk - couldn't understand him at first - when he did, he said, "Well, of course, I will go over"- he lost two days and was told that Mr. Shea had stopped him for talking.

Mr. Cronin said that it was hard to answer charges without knowing what they consisted of. Men working for the City get to looking at things in another way than when working for private parties. They get to thinking

they can afford to be independent. A foreman may have personal feeling against a man and can make it hard for him. Murphy, he said, was fifty odd years of age, and a Civil Service employee of the City of Boston. If, as a result of these charges, he is discharged it will be impossible for him to get his name again on the Civil Service lists: he will lose his Civil Service rating. He has suffered already, virtually paying a fine of two dollars a day since he was suspended. He said it would be going too far to discharge Murphy permanently. Subsequently, it was

VOTED, to suspend Michael J. Murphy in accordance with the notice previously sent to him and for the reason stated therein.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 7, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board reorganized by electing a chairman and a secretary for the ensuing year. The question on the election of a chairman being put by the Secretary, Mr. Pratt voted for Mr. Stratton, Mr. Prendergast voted for Mr. Stratton: Mr. Stratton did not vote. The question on the election of a secretary being put, Messrs. Stratton, Pratt and Prendergast severally voted for George F. Clarke.

VOTED, that the chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

VOTED, that Mr. Pratt be Chairman pro tem. and be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the chairman.

VOTED, that in the absence of the chairman and the chairman pro tem. Mr. Prendergast act as chairman pro tem. and be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposals for bathhouse at Savin Hill Beach, and it was

VOTED, that the contract for building a bathhouse at Savin Hill Beach be awarded to William Riley, the lowest bidder.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals received for furnishing plumbing supplies for Savin Hill Beach bathhouse, and it was

VOTED, to award the contract to W. B. Hubbard & Sons Company, the lowest bidder.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Yacht Club for permission to extend their locker building, according to plans submitted by the Club; and it was

VOTED, to approve the plans for an extension of the locker building of the Boston Yacht Club, submitted with their communication of April 6, 1906.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Police Department to be permitted to form their annual parade on Commonwealth avenue, May 16, and it was

VOTED, that the Police Department be permitted to form its parade on the north side of Commonwealth avenue, from Arlington to Exeter street, on Wednesday, May 16, between the hours of one and two o'clock P.M., or, in case of rain, on Thursday, May 17, on condition that said Department makes arrangements for the protection of the trees, grass, and other property of the City on said avenue.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of P. F. Carley, that the Allston Parish Church be permitted to hold their annual field day on North Brighton Playground; and the Superintendent was instructed to allow the use of the playground as requested.

The Superintendent submitted a sketch for a proposed entrance from Charles street to connect with the Charlesbank promenade and the Women's Gymnasium, and it was

VOTED, to approve the plan.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Boylston Baseball Club, of April 30, and recommended that no change be made in the rule restricting the use of the playground at Franklin Park. The matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to the communication.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council, requesting that a convenience station be erected at Columbus Avenue Playground, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of John J. Hayes for a handball court at Charlestown Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

VOTED, that, with the approval of the Mayor, Ralph G. Stowell be granted the privilege of maintaining and operating for hire a public boat service at Jamaica Pond, and the right to sell light refreshments, including confectionery and fruit (except bananas, watermelons, and unshelled peanuts) for

the season of 1906; on condition that he pay to the City, on or before July 31, the sum of fifty dollars for said privilege, furnish an equipment of boats and landing facilities equal to those furnished heretofore, keep his premises for the sale of refreshments clean and tidy, lock the gate and oars up at night, and allow no one the use of boats early in the morning unless an attendant is on duty: all of said service to be under the supervision of the police and to be subject to revocation if the business is not carried on to the satisfaction of this Board.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 14, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being absent from the City; also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Executive Circular No. 9, in regard to allowing City employees who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Veteran Military organizations, leave of absence, without loss of pay, to enable them to attend their annual encampments; also enrolled members of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia to attend the annual muster, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending sundry items of construction for which it would be advisable to ask for appropriations. The matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Frank C. Healy for a permit to have a stand or store at Marine Park, near Q street; and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board regrets that it cannot grant his request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from John P. Whitman, in regard to teachers from the South End House assisting in the care of the small children at the Randolph Street Playground and to use ground for children's gardens; and the Secretary was directed to reply, that the Board will authorize the temporary use of the ground referred to for children's gardens.

The Superintendent submitted a request from the ladies of the McKinley Circle G. A. R., for permission to scatter flowers from the pier at Marine Park, May 30, in honor of the sailor-soldier dead; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

A request was received from George A. Fuller Company, for a permit to erect three guy posts in front of the new Normal and Latin School buildings on Tremont Entrance, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the issuing of a permit for said purpose, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Parks as to the location and the manner of erecting the guy posts.

A request was received from C. A. Dodge and Company for a permit to place shores on the playground side of the building adjoining North End Beach, while excavating for the foundations of a new building to be erected on the adjoining lot, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the issuing of a permit for said purpose.

A request was received from F. A. Whitcomb for the extension of his permit for guy posts in Commonwealth avenue, for thirty days, and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

VOTED, to grant no more requests for guy posts to be erected in the public parks.

A request was received from J. C. Smith for a permit to place a tar kettle on Commonwealth avenue, opposite No. 16, for about two days; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

An application from Antonio Gregori for the extension of his refreshment privilege at Castle Island, for the term of five years, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from the Board of Police in reply to the Chairman's letters regarding violations of the rule prohibiting the picking of flowers in the parks, were received and placed on file.

Mr. Clarence W. Stevens came before the Board and requested that he be permitted to carry on a boat service at Marine Park, so far as he has the facilities. He said he had floats and rowboats, and could furnish everything except the steamboat service. The Chairman informed him that the Board is in communication with other parties in regard to establishing a boat service there.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 21, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

VOTED, that, in the absence of the chairman and the chairman pro tem., Mr. Coakley act as chairman pro tem., and be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

The Superintendent submitted a request from the National Archery Association, for permission to hold its annual tournament in Franklin Park, August 21, 22, 23, and 24; and it was

VOTED, to grant permission to the National Archery Association of the United States to hold a tournament in the Glade at Franklin Park, from August 21 to August 24, under such regulations as the Superintendent may impose.

The Superintendent submitted proposals for new sprinkling carts for Commonwealth avenue extension, recommending that the Studebaker sprinkler be purchased. The matter was referred to the Superintendent to see if the Studebaker Company would further reduce their price.

VOTED, that the general rules for the use and government of the public parks, adopted August 31, 1903 and amended May 9, 1904, January 8, 1906, and February 26, 1906, be further amended by inserting in rule 5 after the words "or in any other part of said avenue" the words,-at a rate of speed exceeding twelve miles an hour.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of John Donnelly and Sons to build an advertising board on leased land at the junction of Commonwealth avenue with Brighton avenue, and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Antonio Gregori for a renewal of his concession at Marine Park and Castle Island for five years, recommending that the matter be postponed for the present; and the report was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the schedule of summer concerts submitted by the Music Trustees. The report was placed on file and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate further with the Music Trustees in regard to the time of the concerts to be given at Marine Park and Charlestown Heights.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Dahlgren Corps No. 20, W. R. C., for permission to use the water front on the Strandway for Memorial Day services; and it was

VOTED, to permit the Dahlgren Corps No. 20 to use the water front on the Strandway adjoining the South Boston Yacht Club house, during the hours from ten until twelve, on May 30, for Decoration Day services.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the notice from the Harbor and Land Commissioners, of hearing to Edward M. Sweeney on his application for a license to extend his wharf on Mystic river, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Superintendent of Sewers, relative to the bill for expense of handling the stop planks at Beacon street and the Fens' pond; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of appropriations for walk and fence at Charlesbank, also a report on sanitary buildings on the list of items for construction; and the list was sent to the City Auditor.

The estimate of the cost of a 3-foot fence on the Seaver street wall was approved, and the Superintendent was authorized to erect the fence.

A communication from Joseph Balch relative to the application of a Mr. Jacobs for a fourth-class license on Heath street, at the corner of Huntington avenue, within a few feet of the park line, was received and placed on file.

Sundry communications from the Police Department, in answer to letters from the Chairman relative to infringements of park rules, were received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 28, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley; also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on orders of the Common Council requesting that more settees be placed in Franklin Park along the driveway around the playground and on the adjacent paths and driveways; that a gate be placed in the northeast corner of the fence at First Street Playground; and that an electric light be placed at the Glen Road entrance to Franklin Park, and the reports and orders were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council that the toilet rooms in the Franklin Park Refectory be kept open until 9 P.M. during June, July and August; and the Superintendent was instructed to arrange to do so.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting an estimate of cost of installing gymnastic apparatus in the Overlook Building, Franklin Park; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen relative to expense of gymnastic apparatus at Charlestown Playground, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Fitzpatrick's proposition for establishing a boat service at Marine Park, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to see if an arrangement can be made with Mr. Fitzpatrick for the term of one year.

The Superintendent submitted a request of the Park workmen for a holiday for their annual picnic; and it was

VOTED, to allow the men a holiday for a picnic, on such day as they may select, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services.

The Superintendent submitted a report on plans for Jersey street and Queensberry street connections with Audubon Road; and it was

VOTED, that Jersey and Queensberry streets may connect with Audubon Road, provided that the construction of said streets within a distance of 500 feet from the Fens shall conform to a plan and cross section thereof, dated April 12, 1904, signed by Charles E. Stratton, Chairman; the curbs of said streets to connect with the curb in Audubon Road with a radius of fifteen feet, and the grades and drainage of said connections to be made satisfactory to this Board.

A communication from Malachi L. Jennings regarding proposition to sell land for an addition to Franklin Park was received, and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company regarding the lighting of Castle Island was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Mayor's office regarding display of fireworks on Franklin Field, on June 9, was received, and it was

VOTED, that Giuseppe Girone and Domenico Belfino be permitted to store fireworks for a short period on June 9 (Dorchester Day), and to discharge the same on the evening of that day, on Franklin Field.

A request of D. W. Waldron that the Fresh Air Fund Management be permitted to hold a series of picnics in Franklin Park was received, and it was

VOTED, thatthe Managers of the Fresh Air Fund be authorized to hold a series of picnics, for five days beginning July 24, in Long Crouch Woods, Franklin Park, under the same conditions as heretofore.

A communication from Ernest V. Wright requesting permission to stand a portable telescope at the Blue Hill avenue entrance to Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the Wire Department to be notified when permits for guy wires are issued was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A proposition of the A. D. Fuller Company to deliver filling at the Fens for the sum of thirty cents per load was accepted.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JUNE 4, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

VOTED, to fix the pay of the assistant to the Superintendent at $1000 per annum.

The Board estimated the expense of taking 4,422 square feet of land from Benjamin H. Coffin, for an addition to Franklin Park, at $700, and passed the following act of taking:

In Board of Park Commissioners,
June 4, 1906.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 185 of the acts of the year 1875, and other authority thereto enabling, does hereby take for park purposes the following described parcel of land situate in the rear of a private way called Glade Avenue, in that part of Boston formerly West Roxbury; namely,-

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Benjamin H. Coffin, bounded northwesterly by other land of said Benjamin H. Coffin 113 and 75/100 feet; northeasterly by land heretofore taken by the City of Boston and known as Franklin Park by three lines, 16 and 40/100 feet, 21 feet, and 28 feet; southeasterly by said last mentioned land 71 and 50/100 feet; southwesterly by land supposed to belong to the Heirs of M. Denman Ross 42 and 70/100 feet: containing 4422 square feet,

more or less, and shown on a plan dated June 4, 1906, signed by C. E. Putnam, Engineer, and deposited in this office, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Charles E. Stratton
Jas. M. Prendergast
Daniel H. Coakley
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

A request was received from the Bath Department for the transfer to them of North End and Charlestown beaches for this season, under the same conditions as heretofore; and it was

VOTED, that the care and control of the bathhouses and piers at North End Beach, including the beach and grounds northerly of Commercial street, be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15, 1906 to June 15, 1907, upon the following terms; namely,-

1. The said baths and piers, beach and grounds, shall be open to this Board at all times, and the right is reserved to maintain a boat landing at the end of the westerly pier of the North End Beach, including the privilege of furnishing light refreshments at said landing.

2. The Bath Department shall keep said premises clean and well lighted, heated, watched, and guarded during said term, and shall employ such attendants as may be necessary for the purpose.

3. This Board reserves the right to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

VOTED, that the care and control of the beach at Charlestown Heights be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15, 1906 to June 15, 1907, reserving the right to this Board to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

A communication from the Music Department relative to bandstands for concerts in the parks was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A claim of Mary Nason for injuries sustained by her owing to defect at North End Beach was received and referred to the Law Department.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JUNE 11, 1906

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast, and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Ernest V. Wright for permission to stand a portable telescope at the Blue Hill avenue entrance to Franklin Park, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board regrets that they are unable to grant his request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition of Clarence W. Stevens to operate a rowboat service at Marine Park; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Chairman to sign a lease for one year on the terms offered by Mr. Stevens.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from James H.Doyle, Superintendent of Streets, calling attention to the condition of the sidewalk on Prescott street, from Bremen street to Wood Island Park, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Frank L. Whitcomb, relative to guy posts at 247 Commonwealth avenue, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A request of the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association for permission to hold its usual celebration at Jamaica Pond, on July 4th, was received and it was

VOTED, to grant the Jamaica Plain Citizen's Association the use of Jamaica Pond and adjacent grounds, July 4th, for the same purposes and under the same conditions as in former years, provided that sufficient police is furnished to protect the shrubs and trees from damage, and that all the arrangements shall be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board, passed June 4, 1906, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Benjamin H. Coffin, situate in the rear of Glade avenue in that part of Boston called West Roxbury and containing 4422 square feet, more or less, was taken for an addition to Franklin Park, there be awarded and paid to the said Benjamin H. Coffin the sum of seven hundred dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, including an acquittance or discharge of all damages, costs, or expenses arising or growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

Jos. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JULY 2, 1906

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergas and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. Th records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Dr. E. S. Boland relative to trash barrels at Marine Park, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council re garding the park uniform, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition of Eugene Fuller to establish a steamboat service at Marine Park, and it was

VOTED, to accept the offer and to authorize the Chairman to sign the leas

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposed filling at Savin Hi Beach, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on petitions for bonfires at the Strandway Playground and Marcella-street Playground, July 4th, and he was auth orized to grant the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the suspension of Michael Bean f insubordination, drunkenness,and using insulting language to Foreman Edgeworth and the Secretary was instructed to notify him that he will be suspended for t above reasons.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council re questing that the stone wall along Seaver street be removed, also on the order of the Common Council requesting additional seats on the Strandway, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Ralph G. Stowell for permission to employ boys to sell liquid refreshments at Jamaica Pond, on concert nights and the Fourth of July; and the request was refused.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter of Representative F. Thayer, asking why boys are prohibited from selling root beer and lemonade on Franklin Field; and the Secretary was instructed to reply to Mr. Thayer's letter.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Park teamster for an increase of pay, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the purchase of an additional 15-ton steam road-roller; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase one.

A letter from the Clerk of Committees in regard to the use of the parks a playgrounds on July 4th, for the City celebrations, was received, and the matt

was referred to the Superintendent to make arrangements with the Clerk of Committees.

A communication from the Civil Service Commission relative to the transfer of laborers from one department to another was received and placed on file.

A request of the Election Department for locations for voting booths on Commonwealth avenue and Prince-street Playground was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the International Union of Steam Engineers for a conference relative to the pay of road-roller engineers in the Park Department, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Sewer Department for approval of plan for sewer in Neptune Road, also a proposed cross-section of the road. The latter plan was approved and the sewer plan was referred to the Superintendent.

An invitation to attend the Park Department employees picnic was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to grant permits for the sale of refreshments and for other purposes at Wood Island Park, on July 4th.

VOTED, to appoint Mary E. McAllen attendant at Marcella-street Playground.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JULY 26, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the cost of raising the level of about fourteen acres of the Fens' marshes two feet, and of making five acres of the Fens' playground available for play.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the petition of the Park teamsters for an increase of wages, and on the communication from City Engineer Jackson relative to the completion of work at Bennington street consequent on the abolishment of the grade crossing, which were referred back to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Jamaica Plain

Citizen's Association for the removal of some trees and shrubbery from the south end of Jamaica Pond, which was approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Thomas F. Simpson for permission to conduct his sailboat business from the public float at Marine Park; and it was

VOTED, that Thomas F. Simpson be permitted to conduct the business of renting sailboats from the public landing at Marine Park, and to have the use of two lockers, provided that sailboats shall not be brought in to the landing and that he keeps the wharf east of the easterly steamboat landing, and the public landing or float, in a neat and orderly condition, and reports infractions of the rules governing the landing.

The Superintendent submitted a report on correspondence relative to a public landing at the foot of P or Q street under an order introduced in the Common Council by Councilman Coogan, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the suspension of Michael Slowe for intemperance, and the Secretary was instructed to notify him that he will be suspended for the said reason.

Executive Circular, Number 11, relative to the law constituting a maximum day's work for public employees, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that S. I. Hudgens be permitted to keep burros for hire at Marine Park for this season, provided that he gives a ride of length satisfactory to the Superintendent, and that the burros and their equipment are also satisfactory.

A request of George S. Tarbell Company for the carriage concession in Franklin Park was received and referred to the Superintendent.

VOTED, that the pay of steam-roller engineers be increased to $3.00 per day.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Sarah Lynch the amount due John Lynch, deceased, on the pay-rolls of this Department.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Martin Cashman for the transfer of his coupe stand at the park at the southwest corner of Gloucester street and Commonwealth avenue to Patrick McAuliffe; and it was

VOTED, that Patrick McAuliffe be permitted to stand with one coupe and horse, until further notice, at the park at southwest corner of Gloucester street and Commonwealth avenue.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, AUGUST 14, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The hearing in the case of Michael Slowe for suspension was postponed, to a time to be agreed upon, at the request of his counsel.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the park teamsters for an increase of wages; and the Superintendent was authorized to make some concessions in the way of vacations and hours of labor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the relocation of the spring fountain at Abbotswood, and the Superintendent was instructed to construct a path leading to the present fountain.

VOTED, that no person shall take water from the Abbotswood spring for sale, or more than four gallons per diem for any one family.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Election Commissioners for leave to place voting booths on Commonwealth avenue and on Prince-street and Charlestown playgrounds; and it was

VOTED, to permit the Election Commissioners to place and maintain booths on Charlestown Playground from September 6 to January 1, Prince-street Playground and Commonwealth avenue near Hereford street from September 22 to 27, November 3 to 17, and December 8 to 15; everything done hereunder to be subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the correspondence with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, regarding repairs to the poles at Castle Island, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to correspond further with the Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of the Arborway wall, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to repair about 215 feet of the wall, as recommended by him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of a spring wagon, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to purchase one.

The Superintendent submitted areport in regard to purchasing a harness sewing machine, and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Councilman Mealey's request for a drinking fountain on the Strandway at H street, and the Superintendent was instructed to place one there.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of John H. Breen

for leave of absence, and it was

VOTED, to allow him two weeks' vacation.

Orders of the City Council protesting against the rule requiring employees of the Park Department to wear uniforms, and transferring $1000 from appropriation for Castle Island sanitary to an appropriation for Castle Island shelter, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Collins Memorial Committee asking the consent of the Board to the location of the Collins Memorial on Commonwealth avenue at its junction with Beacon street, also a communication from the Mayor on the same subject, were received; and it was

VOTED, to permit the location of the memorial as asked for by the Committee.

A communication was received from Joseph,Balch in regard to the proposed roadway between Longwood avenue and the Fenway, and it was

VOTED, that the Chairman inform the Mayor and Mr. Balch that the Board would take the land on the terms proposed and construct the road,provided an appropriation for the purpose is given to the Board.

A communication from the Merchants Warehouse Company asking that a fence be erected between North End Beach and their property, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent submitted a report regarding the boat service between Castle Island, Governor's Island and Jeffries Point, which was placed on file.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel in regard to the assessments under chapter 381, section 6, of the acts of 1905, for the suppression of the gypsy and brown-tail moths, was received and placed on file.

The following bids for winter uniforms were received:

	Laborers' coats.	Pants.	Shirts.	Caps.	Teamsters coats.
Fuller and Sullivan,	$1.87	$0.87 1/2	$1.97	$0.75	$3.12 1/2
Union Hat Company,	2.25	.85	1.85#	.75	4.00
H. C. Locke & Company,	2.48	.60#	2.48	1.54	3.03
H. B. Spitz,	2.04#	.64	3 1.91 2 1.99 1 2.12	.66#	3.25#

and it was

VOTED, to accept proposals as follows: H. B. Spitz for coats and caps, H. C. Locke and Company for pants, and the Union Hat Company for shirts.

VOTED, by virtue and in exercise of the power conferred upon this Board by an order of the City Council approved by the Mayor April 1, 1899,that the restrictions contained in the deed of the House of the Good Shepherd to the City, of land abutting upon the Riverway be amended by substituting the word

"seventy" for the word "sixty" in the clause relating to the maximum height of buildings allowed on the restricted premises.

VOTED, that the elevations above seventy feet in height, shown on a plan of the building for the Juveniles, House of the Good Shepherd, submitted by F. Joseph Untersee, Architect, be approved.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 18, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

VOTED, that in the absence of the Secretary, Charles G. Lawrence be Secretary pro tem.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the suspension of men, also a financial statement, which were referred to the Chairman to consult with the Mayor.

VOTED, that Steam-roller Engineer Andrew J. McLaughlin be notified of his discharge for refusal to work and incompetency as a steam-roller engineer.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the case of Michael T. Quinn, who was injured by a pick in the hands of a fellow-laborer, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on George S. Tarbell Company's petition for the renewal of the carriage concession at Franklin Park, and the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

The Chairman was requested to consult the Mayor in regard to the disposition of uniform suits not required by the department.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Councilman Clark that an estimate be sent to the Mayor of what can be done towards making the basement of the Refectory building into a gymnasium for $5000, and the report was placed on file.

VOTED, that a temporary location for a boathouse at Charlesbank be granted to the St. Joseph's Athletic Association, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Parks.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Nora Burke, widow of John Burke, deceased, the amount due him on the pay-rolls of this department.

VOTED, that the salaries of assistant superintendents James B. Shea and John W. Duncan be increased, respectively, at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum.

Executive Circulars, numbers 13 and 14, regarding the eight-hour law as applied to engineers and firemen, also regulations regarding the prevention of tuberculosis in municipal buildings, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Lamp Department relative to lighting Columbia Road, between Newman street and the railroad, with mantle lamps, was received, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent of Lamps to do the work, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Parks.

Communications from Inspector General George H. Gale regarding the transfer of government property at Fort Independence, also from the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board relative to starting operations on the high-level sewer in Perkins street, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Edison Electric Illuminating Company regarding the electric light poles and wires on Castle Island was received and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a memorandum of the cost of moth work on private estates, which was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor.

A communication was received from Joseph F. O'Connell in regard to the case of Michael Slowe, which was placed on file, the Board having agreed to give him another and last chance.

VOTED, that Michael Green be permitted, until further notice, to stand with one horse and coupé at the park at the southwest corner of Commonwealth avenue and Charlesgate East, the premises to be kept in a condition satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

Chas. G. Lawrence,
Secretary, pro. Tem.

BOSTON, October 1, 1906

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Charles Fottler for a renewal of his skate sharpening concession at Franklin Field;and it was

VOTED, that the concession heretofore granted to Charles Fottler for sharpening skates, and selling skates, skate straps, and refreshments, in a building at Franklin Field, be extended for this season, upon the same terms and conditions as last year.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Election Department for more time for the removal of the voting booth from Prince-street Playground; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for further report.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the issuing of permits to non-residents for botanical specimens for use in school work; and the Secretary was instructed to reply to Miss Gertrude Simpson's application.

The Superintendent submitted some correspondence on the stoning of swans at Jamaica Pond by boys, which incident he had reported to the police, and the matter was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Field and Forest Club, for use of ground at Franklin Field for school gardens, and the Superintendent was authorized to give the Club the same facilities as last year.

The Superintendent submitted a report and plan in the matter of the proposed temporary location on the Charlesbank of a boathouse for the St.Joseph's Athletic Association; and it was

VOTED, that the plan of the temporary location for the St. Joseph's Athletic Association's boathouse at Charlesbank be approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of the George S. Tarbell Company for the privilege of running park carriages in Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, that the carriage privilege in Franklin Park be granted to the George S. Tarbell Company for one year from June 15, 1906, on the same conditions as obtained in the votes of the Board granting the same privilege to Bacon and Tarbell.

A request of Charles S. Gill for the abatement of more than 50% of the betterment on property corner of Pond and Orchard streets was received,and the Secretary was instructed to see the Corporation Counsel in regard thereto.

A request for a hearing in behalf of Andrew J.McLaughlin, recently discharged as a steam-roller engineer in this department, was received from Andrew J. Crahan of Engineer's Union No.16;and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

VOTED, to place lights at North Brighton Playground, provided the Lamp Department will install the lights and do the lighting without expense to this department.

Executive Circular, No. 15, directing that half-holidays be allowed on the days on which primaries and elections are held was received; and it was

VOTED, to grant half-holidays on September 25, November 6, November 15, and December 11, to all employees whose services can be dispensed with, without loss of pay and in part compensation for services rendered.

VOTED, that, whereas the sums of money set forth in the assessment books for the suppression of the gypsy and brown-tail moths on private lands, signed by the Secretary of this Board, have been actually expended on the estates described in said books, said amounts not exceeding one-half of one per cent. of the values of said lands, the said amounts are hereby assessed upon said estates and the owners thereof, and a duplicate set of books are committed to the Assessors for assessment and collection.

Geo. F. Clarke
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BOSTON, OCTOBER 11, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on notice from the Sewer Department of intention to build a brook conduit in Florence street, near Forest Hills Playground, also notice of intention to build a sewer in Westminster street, also report on notice of application to the Board of Aldermen, from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, for pole locations on Atlantic street and the matters were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Mary Warren Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution for permission to place a bronze tablet in Franklin Park, to mark the old Indian trail to Plymouth, and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report in the case of James C. Steinebrey, an employee of the department, who is unable to work; and it was

VOTED, to suspend James C. Steinebrey, October 12, and that the Secretary notify him of the proposed action, stating as the reason for such action, inability to work.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board for permission to build a sewer on Commonwealth avenue, between Warren and Columbia streets; and the Secretary was instructed to issue a permit.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the financial condition of the department and the necessity of suspending men; and it was

VOTED, to suspend, October 13, seventy-two men employed on the work of suppressing the gypsy and brown-tail moths; and that the Secretary send to each man a notice of the proposed action, stating as the reason for such action, lack of funds in the appropriation.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to planting trees on Commonwealth avenue, between Beacon street and the Newton line; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the reinstatement of Michael T. Quinn, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from F. G. Webster regarding automobile travel on Commonwealth avenue; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from Thomas S. Lockwood, to Mr. Prendergast, complaining of being held up in an automobile and the lack of proper signs in the Fens, was read and placed on file.

Two communications from the Mayor relative to transferring the gypsy moth work on private lands to the Public Grounds Department, and the transfer of men temporarily to that Department, were received and placed on file.

A communication from H. L. Higginson relative to restricting automobiles to one side of Commonwealth avenue was received; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

VOTED, not to grant rebates on granolithic walks in Commonwealth avenue between Beacon street and the Newton line.

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BOSTON, OCTOBER 22, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council requesting that the park employees be placed on a permanent working basis; and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent for further report.

The Superintendent submited a report on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company to dump snow and ice on Charlestown Playground; and it was

VOTED, to grant the Boston Elevated Railway Company the privilege, during the coming winter, of dumping snow and ice over the seawall at Charlestown Playground, also upon such parts of the Playground as the Superintendent of Parks may determine can be used without detriment to this department; said Company to protect the gateway on Alford street by erecting temporary wooden posts, and repair any damage to the iron fence caused by their teams, and do all said work under the direction and control of the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the removal of the voting booth from Prince-street Playground, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on inspection of work at the grounds adjacent to the Museum of Fine Arts, as requested by President Warren, in order that the work may be accepted; and the Secretary was instructed to reply to President Warren.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the telephone service at Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, to contract with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for the additional service recommended by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Alderman Draper for the reinstatement of Michael F. Scully, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposals for lathing and plastering in the new storehouse building in Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, to award the contract to D. J. McHugh, the lowest bidder.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Griffin and Sullivan for a cabstand at the corner of Boylston Entrance and Ipswich street and it was

VOTED, that Griffin and Sullivan be permitted until further notice to stand with one horse and coupe on Boylston Entrance at the corner of Ipswich

street; the premises to be kept in a condition satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

A communication from Henry L. Higginson repeating his request that automobiles be limited to one side of Commonwealth avenue was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a communication he had received from Daniel T. O'Connell requesting that William Healey be appointed caretaker at Christopher Gibson Playground, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

A communication was received from Frank L. Wells relative to connecting the St. Joseph's Athletic Association building with the gas main at Charlesbank; and it was

VOTED, that the St. Joseph's Athletic Association be authorized to connect their building with the gas main at Charlesbank, provided the Gas Company will meter the gas supplied to said building and deduct the same from the account rendered to the Park Department.

VOTED, that the salary of Assistant Superintendent John W. Duncan be increased at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum.

A request of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company for a permit to lay a service pipe in Perkins street and park landto land of C. B. Perkins, in accordance with a plan submitted by the Gas Company, was received; and the Secretary was instructed to issue a permit with such provisions as to the manner of doing the work as the Superintendent may direct.

VOTED, to approve the settlement by the Law Department of the suit of James M. Thompson and another for land taken August 7, 1903, for Randolph-street Playground, for the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars, without interest.

Geo. F. Clarke
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BOSTON, OCTOBER 31, 1906

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a supplementary report in regard to putting

the men on a permanent basis, also a report on the financial condition of the department; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council requesting the Board to allow Rugby to be played in the field near Heath street and South Huntington avenue, Olmsted Park; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on curb lines at the intersection of Jersey street and Audubon Road; and it was

VOTED, to amend the vote of this Board of May 28, 1906 in relation to the connection of Jersey and Queensberry streets with Audubon Road, so that the curbs of Jersey street may connect with the curbs of Audubon Road with a radius of thirty-two feet instead of fifteen feet.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the teaming of books between the Public Library and the Refectory; and the Superintendent was instructed to communicate with the Librarian at the Public Library in regard to the matter.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Miss Perry, Librarian at the Refectory, Franklin Park, for an increase of salary; and it was

VOTED, to increase the salary of Josephine Perry from $8.00 to $10.00 per week, and that the Chairman forward the request to the Mayor for his approval.

Proposals to furnish a boat service at Marine Park were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Executive Circular, Number 16, regarding increases of salaries for employees of the City, was received and the Superintendent was instructed to post the same, as requested in the Circular, in the usual place for such notices.

A hearing was given to Patrick H. Costello in regard to restrictions on the lot of land on Arborway corner of South street. Mr. Costello said that he appeared again to ask for the modification of the restrictions on his land so that he could make his investment pay. It was impossible to sell the lot with the present restrictions upon it. He wanted the restrictions so modified that he could put stores on the South-street front of the lot, as it is more of a business or commercial centre than a residential section, and he wanted the cost of apartment houses reduced. He said that the restrictions for single wooden houses on some parts of the Arborway are $4000 instead of $5000, and for a single brick house $7000. He contended that it costs only

one-fifth more to build a brick house than it does to build a wooden house, - or $6000 instead of $7000, and that this reduction if applied to apartment houses on the basis of a $4000 wooden house would make the cost of a brick apartment house $2700 for each flat.

Frank A. Graham, of H. W. Savage's office, said he had tried to sell Mr. Costello's land but could not on account of the restrictions. He had sold a six-apartment house on Hampstead Road, just above Mr. Costello's land, which rented for twenty-six to twenty-eight dollars per month. This house detracts from the other houses in the neighborhood. No one will buy the corner lot for a residence, could only sell it with the privilege of a store on South street. Steam-heated flats, he said, would rent for only thirty or thirty-five dollars per month, couldn't rent a building costing $4000 per suite to pay anything on the investment.

Samuel Bradstreet, owner of the land adjoining the Arborway across South street, said that his land is assessed for sixty cents per foot, but that he couldn't get an offer of more than thirty cents on account of the restrictions - land sells in the neighborhood for commercial purposes at $1.25 to $3.00 per foot. He said he wanted the same relief that Mr. Costello asks for.

R. S. Barrows said that Mr. Costello's request for a reduction from $4000 to $3000 per flat is a proper one. He couldn't afford to build a four-thousand-dollar flat - $12,000 for a three-flat house being prohibitory.

William B. Blakemore said that the longest front of Mr. Costello's land is on South street, on which the street cars run. He cannot use the park frontage to advantage, as it is twelve or fifteen feet higher that the South-street side. The adjoining land on South street is occupied by three apartment houses of cheap construction. Mr. Costello's land is peculiar in itself and is adapted to an apartment house rather than a single house. The land is more adapted for business than for dwelling-house purposes.

A. C. Chisholm said that right around the corner from Mr. Costello's land is the cheapest kind of an apartment house. $3000 per flat is as much as anybody will stand, and, with regard to stores on South street, he instanced the apartment house on Commonwealth avenue having stores facing on Massachusetts avenue as similarly situated.

Mr. Fitzsimmons, Supervisor of Plans in the Building Department, corroborated Mr. Costello's evidence as to relative cost of brick and wooden houses.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 7, 1906

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the Mayor's objection to placing electric arc lights in North Brighton Playground; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Sanitary Department for permission to use one block of Audubon Road to team ashes during the construction of Jersey street; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the cost of fencing the south boundary line of Dorchester Park, and the communication from Local Assembly 7576, Knights of Labor, in reference to changing the hours of labor, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from John P. Whitman, requesting that the building at Randolph-street Playground be fitted up for basket-ball; and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from John P. Whitman relative to children's gardens at Randolph-street Playground; and the Superintendent was instructed to reply.

A communication from Thomas Hills asking for a settlement of his damages on account of taking land for the Strandway was received; and the Secretary was instructed to confer with the Corporation Counsel in regard to it.

A communication from James H. Sullivan, Engineer of the Street Department, relative to transferring the street running from Forest Hills street to the entrance to Forest Hills Cemetery to the Street Department, was received and referred to the Chairman to request the Street Commissioners to lay out the street as a public way.

A communication from Police Commissioner Stephen O'Meara, relative to the permit given to Michael Green for a cabstand on Commonwealth avenue and Charlesgate East, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Wire Department in reply to a letter from the Chairman of this Board, relative to the ordering down of poles and wires on Centre, Pond, Prince and Walter streets, adjacent to the park system, was received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 21, 1906

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Edward J Sampson and others that the golf links be kept open during the winter; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Foreman Edgeworth for leave of absence; and the matter was referred to Mr. Coakley to consult the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of crushing stone by the department force; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted reports on bids for boat service at Marine Park, on harness and other materials made in the department shops, and on the accident to thepainters at the Franklin Field barn; and the matters were laid over.

TheSuperintendent submitted a supplementary report on the cost of fitting up the building at Randolph-street Playground for basket-ball, etc.; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the work to be done.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the use to which the abandoned police building adjoining BillingsField can be put; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor.

Executive Circular, No. 18, relative to assignment of wages was received; and the Superintendent was instructed to post the same at the department headquarters.

A communication from the Street Department regarding the reinstatement of Hugh Fitzgerald was received; and it was

VOTED, to reinstate him.

A request of Frank J. Hannon for a hearing regarding the removal of a hill in South Boston was received, and the Secretary was instructed to notify him of the time and place of the next meeting of the Board.

The Chairman was instructed to ask the Boston Library Trustees to furnish magazines for the Refectory library.

A circular from the Carpenters' District Council relative to increase of wages, etc., was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted the request of Arthur E. Ogden, Clerk, for

an increase in salary, which he did not recommend at the present time; and the matter was placed on file.

The matter of putting electric lights in North Brighton Playground was referred to Mr. Coakley to confer with the Mayor and the Lamp Department.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 10, 1906

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on gypsy moth suppression on private estates, also a report recommending the abatement of the assessment against Mrs. Joseph Barnes; and it was

VOTED, to abate the assessment of $1.40, assessed on the property of Mrs. Joseph Barnes, 166 Princeton street, East Boston, for work in connection with the suppression of the gypsy and brown-tail moths on private lands.

The Superintendent submitted a list of special employees in the Park Department, also the cost per day of keeping the golf house at Franklin Park, which were placed on file; and the Superintendent was instructed to close the golf house unless those who play golf contribute the amount necessary to keep it open.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the communication from the International Fibre Company, regarding the erection of buildings on East First street and the discontinuance of P and Q streets north of the line of East First street; on the relocation of the spring fountain at Abbotswood; and on John J. Cadigan's letter of November 30, enclosing offer of land by Eugene N. Foss for a playground; and the matters were severally laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter of Dr. Horace Packard in regard to automobile travel on Commonwealth avenue, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of James D. Edgeworth for an increase of salary; and it was

VOTED, that the pay of James D. Edgeworth, subforeman, be increased from $3.25 to $3.75 per day.

Executive Circular No.19, relative to maintenance estimates, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Robert M. Morse, relative to improving the shore line of Jamaica Pond near Eliot street, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from Frank J. Gethro, regarding his application for a ten-year's lease of the public landing, was received, and the Superintendent was instructed to draw up a new advertisement for the boat service and submit the same to the Board.

A communication from Charles R. Evans relative to removal of the telegraph poles on Commonwealth avenue, from Beacon street to Cottage Farm, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from William C. Hunneman, in regard to the proposed junction station at Forest Hills, between the elevated and surface lines of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board, passed August 7, 1901, a parcel of land situate on Columbia Road, formerly Ninth street, containing 4802 square feet, and supposed to belong to Thomas Hills, was taken for a public park, there be awarded and paid to the said Thomas Hills the sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed, or release, for the same, including an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses arising, or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Strandway.

VOTED, to accept the tablet placed on the boulder in Franklin Park by the Mary Warren Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, to mark the old Indian trail to Plymouth.

Geo. F. Selastee
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 19, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on maintenance estimates and additional items for construction. The estimates were approved and referred to the Chairman to transmit the same to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted reports on bills for gypsy moth suppression work on the estates of William S. Stevens and Louise M. Hollings, which were referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for installing intercommunicating telephones at the service yard, Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bid.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the trial of a very light application of oil on Commonwealth avenue, to lay the dust; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to make the experiment.

The Superintendent's report on the communication of the International Fibre Company, regarding the discontinuance of P and Q streets north of East First street, was taken up,and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

A communication from the Mayor inregard to additional appropriations was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, calling attention to the use made of the reservations on Commonwealth avenue for general traffic, was received and referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Police Commissioner.

Mr. John P. Leahy and Henry T. Bowers came before the Board in regard to land fronting on Columbia Road, which Mr. Bowers has sold to Mr. Rodd. Mr. Leahy stated that Mr. Bowers had made an agreement of sale with Mr.Rodd, but that the purchaser hesitated to hand over the consideration through fear that he may not be allowed access to his land from the parkway unless he subjects his land to restrictions imposed by the Board. Mr. Leahy said that the general policy of the Board not to permit buildings to be erected on the park system, except in conformity to restrictions, however essential it may be in other sections, was not applicable to this locality. There are no building restrictions on Columbia Road, except in the small section between Edward Everett Square and the railroad bridge, and some of the lots in this part are not restricted.

Mr. Leahy said that Mr. Rodd proposes to erect a three-family house 27 X 55 feet, on the lot of 3697 square feet, shown on the plan of William J. C. Semple, Surveyor, dated September 14, 1906, the house to be 4 1/2 feet from the side lines of the lot and 15 feet from the front line. He also submitted a formalrequest in writing, asking the Board to consent to the use of the lot as intended by Mr. Rodd, and also allow access to and from his building.

The Superintendent submitted bids for electric wiring of the building at Randolph-street Playground, and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bid.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 31, 1906.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Henry T.Bowers and William Rodd, through their Counsel John P. Leahy, for a permit to build on Columbia Road without restricting their land to the usual restrictions; and the Secretary was instructed to reply, that the Board will consent to the erection of the building as proposed and allow access thereto, with the understanding that the building, together with any others subsequently erected on the adjoining land of petitioners, fronting on ColumbiaRoad, shall be set back fifteen feet from the street line.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Lawrence H. Collier, M. D., and others,for the appointment of Mary J. Quigley as matron, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of providing an athletic house at Franklin Field, also of fitting up the basement of the Refectory Building at Franklin Park with gymnastic apparatus, an estimate having been requested by the Mayor; and the matters were referred to the Chairman to reply to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the architects of the Normal and Latin School buildings, that the Board request the Street Department to construct Worthington street with a planted space between the sidewalk and roadway in front of the Normal and Latin School group; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Superintendent of Streets.

The Board adopted a new draft of advertisement for the boat service at Marine Park,and the Secretary was directed to advertise the same.

Communications from the Wire Commissioner relative to removal of poles from Commonwealth avenue, and from Thornton K. Lothrop and other residents

of Commonwealth avenue, regarding the question of excluding automobiles from the avenue between Arlington street and the Charlesgate, were received and placed on file.

Mr. Joseph Lee came before the Board and submitted a request that the Board assent to a proposition to give the School Committee the supervision of playgrounds in charge of the Board, except those in the public parks and Franklin Field. Mr. Lee said that he proposed to ask the Legislature for a bill giving the School Committee authority to do this and to spend money to pay the teachers for supervising the play of the children. He said he considers school teachers better qualified to supervise playgrounds than any one engaged to do this in the ordinary way, and that it was better to develop the educational side rather than the athletic side. He quoted Mr. Gulick, head of athletics in the New York schools, as having been able to secure the aid of four hundred teachers, working for nothing, in school athletics.

Dr. J.J. Minot said he agreed with Mr. Lee. He referred to the sand gardens as a similar case, which, he said, should be managed by the School Committee and have the work done by the school teachers. This the School Committee at one time agreed to do, but the project fell through. The Board asked Mr. Lee to submit his request in writing.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 8, 1907

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Joseph Lee regarding the supervision of playgrounds by the School Committee, and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Sanitary Department for permission to team ashes through the Fenway until the sewer in Worthington street is completed; and it was

VOTED, to grant the Sanitary Department permission to cart ashes over the Fenway from Ruggles street to Worthington until the sewer in Worthington

street, in so far as it interferes with the use of Worthington street by the Sanitary Department, is completed; with the understanding that they will keep that part of the parkway used by them in a good and cleanly condition satisfactory to this Department, also that this permit may be revoked at any time by this Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Street Cleaning and Watering Department for substitution of names on the list for transfer of men to that Department;and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on request from S. I. Hudgens for a renewal of his burro privileges; andit was

VOTED, to permit S. I. Hudgens to keep burros for hire at Marine and Franklin parks, for this season, provided that the length of the ride and the burros and their equipment are satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the action of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in providing a stopping place for the Boston Elevated cars on Columbia Road at Wolcott street; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to communicate further with the Railway Company.

An order of the City Council authorizing the transfer of the lot of land on Centre street adjoining Billings Field, together with the building formerly used as a sub-police station, to the Park Department, was received; and it was

VOTED, to accept the same.

A communication from Police Commissioner O'Meara,regarding the lack of a rule to forbid teaming upon the car reservations on Commonwealth avenue, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the general rules adopted by the Board August 31, 1903, and amended May 9, 1904, January 8, February 26, and May 21, 1906. be further amended by inserting in rule 5 after the word "persons" the words,-or--upon or over the space reserved for street railway cars and grass, also by inserting in rule 6 after the word "road" the words,-and there for not more than twenty minutes.

A petition regarding the regulating of automobiles on Commonwealth avenue was received and placed on file.

Communications protesting against the Board's allowing the Elevated Railway structure to disfigure the parkway at Forest Hills, also protesting against the partial release of restrictions on land at the corner of Arborway and South street, were received and placed on file.

On request of the Rev. Monseignor O'Callaghan, Pastor of St.Augustine's

Church, South Boston, for the abatement of the gypsy moth assessment on St. Augustine's Cemetery; and it was

VOTED, to recommend to the Board of Assessors the abatement of the assessment.

A request of Norcross Brothers for a rebate on granolithic sidewalk on Commonwealth avenue, corner of Blandford street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Joseph V. Tracy, Rector of St. Anthony's Church, Allston, calling attention to the application of William H. Murphy and others for a license to sell intoxicating liquors at 160-162 Western avenue, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Chairman inform the Licensing Board of the action previously taken by this Board in 1901 on applications for liquor licenses in premises opposite or adjoining any of the parks or playgrounds, and to say that the Board is still opposed to the granting of such licenses.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 21, 1907.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the orders of the City Council as follows: completion of the gymnasium at First-street Playground; lighting Charlestown Playground, Strandway Playground, and Charlestown Heights shelter; also completion of the pier and pier head at Marine Park; and the orders were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of T. Messina that water from Cottage-street Playground entered his premises; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Sewer Department for permission to drain surface water from Worthington street and about twenty acres of adjacent land into the Fens' Basin; and the Secretary was instructed to reply, that, while at present the pollution of the

Fens' water would probably be slight from the proposed taking in of the surface drainage of these twenty acres of land, the pollution would gradually increase, and the Board does not feel, that, in view of the public feeling as to the water in the Fens and of the large sums recently spent by the City to purify it, they would be justified in granting the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on bids received for vault door at the Franklin Park office and storeroom, and the Superintendent was instructed to accept the lowest bid.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the request of the Schoolhouse Department for permission to drain surface water into the Fens' pond; on request of H. G. McKerrow Company for further trial of "Sandisize" for laying dust; and in regard to the crossings and stopping places made by the Boston Elevated Railway Company on Columbia Road, also communication from the Vice President of the Company stating that he had issued orders to prevent further excavations in reservations without application being first made for a permit; and the matters were severally placed on file.

A communication from the Mayor's Secretary conveying a suggestion from the Mayor that Mr. Cadigan be invited to appear before the Board on the proposition of Mr. Foss to lease land on Parker Hill for a playground was received and referred to the Secretary to invite Mr. Cadigan to come before the Board at a subsequent meeting.

A communication from the Civil Service Commission regarding examination for positions of assistant superintendent was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of Councilman P. H. O'Connor for rebate of gypsy moth assessment on estate of Joseph F. Lynch was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to compensation to H. G. Farrington, the painter laid aside by accident; and the Superintendent was authorized to grant such compensation as he may consider right, under the direction of the Corporation Counsel.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Norcross Brothers for rebate on granolithic walk at Commonwealth avenue and Blandford street; and the Secretary was instructed to reply that the Board cannot change its decision not to grant rebates for granolithic walks on that part of Commonwealth avenue between Beacon street and the Newton line.

The Superintendent submitted correspondence in the case of E. L. Porter, of 123 Brook street, Faneuil, who protested against the assessment for destroying gypsy and brown-tail moth nests on his property, which was read and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 28, 1907.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley; also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of additional horses; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report suggesting that in the layout of Avenue Louis Pasteur suitable provision be made for trees; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Street Commissioners.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Mr. Tomlin for a concession for the sale of light refreshments in the tree and shrubbery space opposite the L-street Bathhouse; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request, the particular location and the style of the building to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the purchase of additional fire extinguishers, at $12.50 each; and the matter was referred to the Secretary to see if they can be obtained at a lower price.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Hugh McGrath for an increase of salary as instructor at Charlesbank Men's Gymnasium; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Superintendent.

Common Council orders concerning the following matters were received, read and placed on file: flooding Marcella-street Playground for skating, lighting Rogers Park for skating, providing seats for Randolph-street Playground, and providing a drinking-fountain for Prince-street Playground.

Common Council orders on the following matters were received and referred to the Superintendent for report: grading baseball diamond and providing bleachers, backstop and iron fence for Christopher Gibson Playground, and providing a playground for Ward 12.

An order of the Common Council inquiring as to the use made by this Department of the building recently erected on Charlesbank, and by what authority it was erected, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Communications from John Balch Blood relative to organizing an association for the purpose of transportation on Charles river; from Police Commissioner O'Meara relative to the enforcement of the suggested automobile regulation on Commonwealth avenue; and from George Howland Cox, Secretary Metropolitan Improvement League, concerning Commonwealth avenue trees were received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 11, 1907.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs- Stratton, Prendergast and Cokley. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent's reports on the sites for a playground in Ward 12, and need of additional teamsters in the department were referred to the Chairman.

City Council orders appropriating $6001 for completion of the Speedway in Franklin Field, and $30,000 for a playground site in Ward 1, were received and placed on file.

A communication from James F. Wise in regard to the playing of hockey by boys at Ashmont Playground to the exclusion of the younger children, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Antonio Gregori, asking for an extension of his refreshment privilege at Castle Island, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

An application was received from Henry J. Green for the carriage stand previously granted to Michael Green, at the southwest corner of Commonwealth avenue and Charlesgate East, whose request for the transfer of the privilege to Henry J. Green came before the Board at the last meeting; and it was

VOTED, that Henry J. Green be permitted to stand with one horse and coupe, until further notice, at the southwest corner of Commonwealth avenue and Charlesgate East: the premises to be kept in a condition satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

Proposals for leasing the Marine Park Boat Service for five years were received as follows:

	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
Eugene Fuller	$300	$300	$300	$400	$400
T. F. Simpson,	250	275	300	325	350
Frank J. Gethro,	250	250	250	250	250
Clarence W. Stevens,	150	175	200	225	250

(or $300 per annum if present float at Castle Island is accepted)

The proposals were referred to the Superintendent to report as to the financial ability of the applicants to fulfil the requirements of the lease.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 25, 1907.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board.

A conference was held with Joseph Lee with reference to his bill now before the Legislature, giving the School Committee the control of physical exercise and play on the playgrounds.

Adjourned to February 28, 1907.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 28, 1907

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Superintendent of streets for approval of proposed connection of Avenue Louis Pasteur with the Fenway, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Bath Trustees for permission to erect a bathhouse on McKenzie Beach, and the Secretary was instructed to request them to submit plans for the proposed bathhouse.

The Superintendent submitted a report on fire extinguishers, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on out-door gymnastic apparatus for Charlestown Playground, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club for permission to make an addition to its clubhouse, and the Superintendent was instructed to request the Club to submit sketches of the desired addition.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the East Boston Cricket Club to play cricket at Wood Island Park; and it was

VOTED, that the East Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, to use the grounds provided for cricket

at Wood Island Park, during the season of 1907.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the City Council order appropriating $30,000 for the purchase of a playground site in Ward 1; and the Superintendent was instructed to report to the Board the cost of filling the several sites suggested by him.

The Superintendent submitted reports on orders of the Common Council in regard to seats for Randolph-street Playground, lights and seats for Christopher Gibson Playground, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting that Commonwealth Park be put in condition for hurling and other sports, March 18; that the Board report the cost of providing a convenience station at Marine Park and Prince-street Playground; and an additional toboggan chute at Franklin Park; and the matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

also that drinking fountains be provided at Marine Park

The Superintendent submitted a report on the standing of the bidders for the boat service at Marine Park; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report stating that Herbert L. Ogden has secured a position outside of the department, and recommending that he be given his two weeks' vacation, which, on account of the gypsy moth work he was unable to take last summer; and it was

VOTED, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

Orders of the City Council making appropriations as follows were received and referred to the Superintendent for report: $1,001 for bleachers and electric lights, etc.,for Ward 9 Playground, $2,500 for handball court at Fellows-street Playground, and $12,001 for gymnasium and apparatus at North Brighton Playground.

VOTED, that the salary of Hugh C. McGrath, Instructor at Charlesbank Gymnasium, be increased from $1000 to $1200 per annum.

Executive Circulars 21 & 22, relative to the elimination and prevention of tuberculosis among the employees of the City,and relative to increases of wages or salaries, were received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the general rules adopted by the Board August 31, 1903 and amended May 9, 1904, January 8, February 26, and May 21, 1906, and January 8, 1907 be further amended by inserting in rule 4 after the word "thereof" the words,-and in addition is provided during the period from sunset to sunrise with such light or lights on the rear as shall make its rear register-number legible at a distance of sixty feet; also by inserting at the end of rule 5 the words,-or ride or drive a motor vehicle in Commonwealth avenue between Arlington street and Massachusetts avenue, unless upon the north drive going

east or the south drive going west.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 11, 1907

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition for permanent bandstands at Olmsted and Franklin parks, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of R. T. Paine Jr. for a brick or granolithic sidewalk between Westland avenue and Agassiz Bridge, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that the Board adopt the brick sidewalk construction for the Fens' district, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of repairing the pier head structure and erecting a shelter thereon, at Marine Park, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Hugo Jahn and others for additional toboggan chutes at Franklin Park, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an accident to Martin Shiel, a laborer in the employ of the department, recommending that the time lost by the accident be made up to him; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to allow pay for time lost if it can properly be done.

The Superintendent submitted a report on automobile signs for Commonwealth avenue, which was approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council appropriating $30,000 for a playground in East Boston; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Superintendent of Streets to connect with the sewer from the Bathhouse at North End Beach; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report of fire extinguishers; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the purchase of eight Badger fire extinguishers, in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted a sketch for a refreshment stand at the L-street bathhouse, which was approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication (referred by the Mayor) in regard to the care of the ice, etc., at the Strandway Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for furnishing paint stock; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the purchase of paint stock in accordance therewith.

Representative Richard S. Teeling, Captain Mark E. Smith and Lieut.James D. Cody came before the Board in regard to the location of the new State Armory in Charlestown. Mr. Teeling stated that there are two militia companies in Charlestown and that the State would build the armory, which the City has agreed to accept. Several sites have been looked at, and the one which commends itself to the militia companies most is on the playground at Sullivan Square. They came before the Board to ask whether the Board would consider a proposition to have a portion of the playground used for that purpose if compensation is allowed by the State and the money turned over to the City for development of the playground.

Mr. Teeling said they represented not only the militia companies but the people of Charlestown, who would be benefitted more by the improvement of a part of the ground so it could be used for a playground, rather than to keep the whole unimproved. The Armory benefits chiefly the military men, and the only reason for relinquishing part of the land would be the development of the rest, although the playground would afford room for military manoeuvers, which would be of interest to the people. He said that the main difficulty in getting a location elsewhere was the cost of the 35000 feet of land needed for the armory. Improved land costs so much as to leave too little money for the building. A site on Alford Street next to the gymnasium would be best and cause the least injury to the playground.

Lieut. Cody said that the playground is almost too large for the needs of Charlestown and he did not think it would ever be used to the full extent expected. Since the establishment of this playground Mystic Playground has been acquired, which meets the demands of the Ward 3 section.of Charlestown.

Captain Smith stated, that, if a site for the armory is given there would then be room for at least four baseball grounds besides the gymnasium

and children's playground. He said that Charlestown is not going to develop much, having reached its limit, and that the playground is handier to Somerville and Everett than to Charlestown. They favored the purchase of a site from the park and the use of the money to go ahead with the improvement of the ground. They ask for an early decision as the armory commission meets to consider the matter on the 20th.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH, 14, 1907.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergastand Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to planting trees on Commonwealth avenue, which was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Mayor inregard to securing an appropriation for the work.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Hebrew Industrial School for permission to operate children's gardens at Charlesbank; and it was

VOTED, to grant the Hebrew Industrial School to use the gardens at Charlesbank for this season, the same as last year.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the widening of Stratton street for a return drive for the speedway; and the matter was laid over.

A communication from Robert H. Gardiner relative to painting the fence erected by this department on land of the Nickerson Heirs, adjoining the Parkway near Perkins street, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A resolution of the Associated Charities of Charlestown, approving the passage of the bill providing that the School Committee of Boston shall carry on play and physical education upon the playgrounds in charge of the Park Department was received and placed on file.

A conference was held with R. Clipston Sturgis, Chairman of the Schoolhouse Commission, in regard to the bill providing that Boston may erect a schoolhouse on the Charlesbank.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 13, 1907

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P,M. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was VOTED, to reject all the applications received for conducting a boat service at Marine Park.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Ralph G. Stowell for an extension of his boat privilege at Jamaica Pond, for the season of 1907; and the matter was laid over.

An order of the City Council appropriating $3000 for "Strandway, Enlargement of Ball Grounds"," was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 27, 1907.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the orderof the City Council appropriating $3000 for the enlargement of the ball grounds at the Strandway Playground, and the Superintendent was instructed to expend said sum in the enlargement of the ball grounds, as recommended in his report.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board to begin the construction of the handball court on Fellows-street Playground,also report on the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting that Mystic Playground be put in condition for playing baseball by April 1, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board to start work on the completion of the Speedway, also report on the order of the Common Council in regard to providing a shelter at Castle Island; and the matters were laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Coun-

cil requesting the Board to pay the Union rate of wages to carpenters in the employ of the department, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the purchase of an automobile to facilitate the work of the department; and the Superintendent was instructed to see what a suitable one can be procurred for.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending an increase in the wages of Patrick Donoghue, gardener; and it was

VOTED, that the pay of Patrick J. Donoghue, gardener, be increased from $2.00 to $2.25 per day.

The Superintendent submitted reports recommending increases in wages of Arthur E. Ogden, clerk, William H. Allen, sub-foreman, and Bartholomew M.Ryan, also report on the application of James P. Ford for increase of pay; and the matters were laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report in reference to changing the walk at the Abbotswood spring, and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Ralph G. Stowell for a renewal of his boat privilege at Jamaica Pond; and it was

VOTED, that, with the approval of the Mayor, Ralph G. Stowell be granted the privilege of maintaining and operating for hire a public boat service at Jamaica Pond, and of selling light refreshments, including confectionery and fruit(except bananas, watermelons, and unshelled peanuts), at the boat landing, for the season of 1907; on condition that he pay to the City on or before July 31, the sum of fifty dollars for said privilege, furnish an equipment of boats and landing facilities equal to those furnished heretofore, keep his premises for the sale of refreshments clean and tidy, lock the gate and oars up at night, and allow no one the use of the boats early in the morning unless an attendant is on duty: all of said service to be under the supervision of the police, and to be subject to revocation if the business is not carried on to the satisfaction of this Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council appropriating $1001 for the erection of bleachers, and the placing of electric lights and grading with loam the baseball diamonds in Randolph-street Playground; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to erect bleachers in accordance with his report.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting the Mayor to arrange for a public hearing on the question of widening Seaver street was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Automobile Owners' Association regarding the

speed limit on Commonwealth avenue was received and laid over.

A communication from Cornelius J. Desmond regarding the filling in of the low land at Franklin Field, in the rear of the Cemetery and the houses on Callendar street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Samuel R. Jones relative to the leasing of the boat service at the Public Landing, Marine Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Charles S. Judkins relative to a hearing on gypsy moth suppression work was received; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Board VOTED, to approve the lease of the boat service at Marine Park to Frank J. Gethro.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Timothy McAuliffe for the transfer of the coupé stand at the park at the southwest corner of Gloucester street and Commonwealth avenue to John J. Toomey; and it was

VOTED, that John J. Toomey be permitted to stand with one coupe and horse, until further notice, at the park at the southwest corner of Gloucester street and Commonwealth avenue.

Proposals for summer uniforms were received as follows:

	Coats.	Pants.	Shirts.	Hats.
Henry B. Spitz	72¢	69¢	40¢	46¢
Union Hat Company,			44 1/2¢	
			Sizes above 17 1/2 --- 49¢	

and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of Henry B. Spitz.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 15, 1907.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P. M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Alder-

men, requesting that the ball grounds at Wood Island Park be put in condition for ball playing, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Sarah M. Lunt, in regard to broken windows from ball playing at Marcella-street Playground; and the Superintendent was instructed to cut down two of the elm trees and rearrange the ball diamonds.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Samuel R. Jones to the Mayor, relative to the boat service at Marine Park; and the communication was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the relocation, temporarily, of the Charlesbank boat service; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent arrange to give Gabriel Farrell a temporary location for his landing during the construction of the lock at Charlesbank.

The Superintendent submitted a report on plans for a refreshment stand at L-street bathhouse, to be rented to Mr. Tomlin, also on rental for same; and the matter was referred to Mr. Coakley.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Cricket Club for a permit to play cricket at Franklin Field; and it was

VOTED, that the Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent, to use the cricket crease at Franklin Field, during the season of 1907, and to have such use of the building on the Talbot avenue side as he may think practicable.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen in regard to the widening of Seaver street on the southerly side, and the removal of the stone wall on the park line; andthe matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on grass seed as follows:

	Kentucky Blue Grass.		Red Top.	
Schlegel & Fottler Company,	18 ¢ per lb	Fancy	12 ¢	
T. J. Grey & Company,	15 ¢ " "	Clean	11 ¢	
R. & J.Farquhar & Company,	20 ¢ " "	Fancy	13 ¢	
H. E. Fiske Seed Company,	16 ¢ " "	Fancy clean	9	1/2¢
W. W. Rawson & Company,	20 ¢ " "	Fancy #1	14	1/2¢
		" #2	12	1/2¢
Thomas W. Emerson Company,	16 ¢ " "	Extra fancy,	12	1/2¢
		Choice "	10	1/2¢
Joseph Breck & Sons,	17 ¢ " "	Extra fancy,	11 ¢	
		Choice	10 ¢	

and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bids.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from J. H. Storer in regard to repairing the fence on the west side of the Fens; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted reports on sundry requests for increase of wages; and it was

VOTED, that the pay of the following employees be increased to the amounts set against their names, and that the Chairman submit the same to the Mayor for his approval:

Arthur E. Ogden	Clerk	from	$2.50	per day	to	$3.00	per day	
William H. Allen,	Sub-Foreman	"	19.00	" week	"	3.25	"	"
Patrick McKenzie,	Powderman	"	2.75	" day	"	3.25	"	"
William Scanlon,	Harness-Maker	"	2.75	" "	"	3.00	"	"
Michael V. Dailey,	Painter	"	3.00	" "	"	3.50	"	"
Bartholomew M. Ryan,	Blacksmith	"	2.75	" "	"	3.00	"	"
John Conboy,	Gardener	"	2.50	" "	"	3.00	"	"
Edward T. Bean,	Gardener	"	2.25	" "	"	2.50	"	"
Emma W. Bumstead,	Stenographer	"	65.00	"month	"	75.00	" month	

The Superintendent submitted a report on the use of Randolph-street Playground by factory girls at noon-time, under the direction of the ladies of the South-End Mission; and the Superintendent was instructed to allow them to try the plan.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Father Walsh's request for a location for a floating bathhouse at Charlesbank, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from P. J. Mc Carthy, Secretary of the D. A. Knights of Labor, requesting that three suspended men be reinstated, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from L. H. Lane regarding police protection on ColumbiaRoad, and the renewing of the grass space;and the matter was referred to theChairman for reply.

Communications from Henry W. Putnam and the Superintendent of Streets, relative to planting trees on Jersey and Queensberry streets, were received; and the Superintendent was instructed to plant the trees and render a bill

for the same to the Superintendent of Streets.

Messrs. W. E.Newbert, H. W. Burr,J. W. Linnehan and E. O. Haddock,of the Dorchester Gentlemen's Driving Club, came before the Board in the matter of the widening of Stratton street as a return drive for the speedway. Mr. Newbert stated that the plan which they would like to see carried outcalled for few improvements and little more width to be taken from Franklin Field. In place of taking 35 feet more of the field he said he would move the fence nearer the speedway, using the ground now lying between the fence and the speedway, with about 15 or 20 feet more to be taken from the field to make the return drive and extend the speedway about 208 feet westerly from the east corner of Lyons street. This would enable them to start from that end. They also wanted some improvements in the way of seats and stands, in order to make it a model little plant. There were twenty-eight days of amateur racing last year, which furnished more sport than any of the other sports that attract the public. More people would go to see the racing if some bleachers were provided there. A starter's stand, a judges' stand, and a couple of fences were all that would be necessary in addition to a little grading.

Mr. Burr stated that the plan was nothing more than what was contemplated when the $25000 for a speedway was appropriated. It was only necessary to even or level the return drive, no more than a little filling and grading being needed. There is now no place for teams to stand, and if the hollow near the sheep-fold, which is ground of no use to anybody now, could be filled up, it would allow the race to start from that end. He did not regard this plan as foreign to the use of the field; it was the selvage edge of the field, of no use to anybody.

Mr. Linnehan said that the plan takes nothing from the playground now, as it is land back of the backstops, and does not touch the playground. They would like to see the money used this summer, so as to get the benefit of it this season.

The Chairman stated that the Board would like to have them state their case in writing, and submit a plan showing how much more land than is now in use would be required.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 29, 1907.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the orders of the Common Council requesting that seats be placed along the Strandway, that shower baths be provided at Billings Field, and a convenience station at Columbus-avenue Playground; and the matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

VOTED, to permit the St. Joseph's Athletic Association to moor its float and landing opposite its boathouse at Charlesbank.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for a locker building to be erected on the Strandway by the Bath Department, under the order of the City Council of January 31, 1907; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Bath Department to erect a building in accordance with said plan, on that part of the Strandway near the railroad bridge.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to speed signs, which was read and placed on file.

The Superintendent was authorized to purchase two driving horses.

A hearing was given to Mr. Charles S. Judkins and Dr. P. P. Field, representing the owners of property in South Boston which has been assessed for the work of suppressing the gypsy and brown-tail moths.

Mr. Judkins stated that he had made an agreement with Dr. Field to clear the property numbered 861, 863 and 865 Fifth street and 98 Q street. He received a letter from Dr. Field stating what he would do the work for, and accepted it, but would not pay it unless somebody in authority assured him that the work had been properly done. This assurance he got from the State Superintendent's office in the form of a letter from Mr. Rogers, stating that Inspector Sylva had looked over the work and reported it as properly done. Mr. Judkins stated further, that, after receiving notice from the Park Department of their intention to clean the premises, he wrote a letter to the Commissioners stating that the work had been done there and that if the premises had been cleaned no work should be done and no charge made. He said that he did everything as agent of the estate that could be done, and feels that the bills rendered by the City are unjust, especially as the charge is more than the amount paid Dr. Field for doing the work.

Dr. Field said that he objected to having the City step in and make the owners of the property pay twice, instead of allowing him to make the work good if it was not properly done. He said that the City ought not to go upon

property and charge for the work there when the work has already been well done and reported well done by the inspectors of the State Superintendent's office.

The matter was referred to the Superintendent to hear the evidence the petitioners have to offer and report to the Board.

A hearing was given to John C. McDonough in regard to his request for a hearing on the notice of suspension that had been sent to him. Mr. McDonough, who was present, was represented by his counsel, Mr. Logan, and also by Patrick H. O'Connor. Mr. Logan, after referring to Mr. McDonough's suspension and the reason for it, lack of work, as given in the notice, called upon him to state his case.

Mr. McDonough said that he had been employed about three years, that he went to work as a paver, and after about ten months at that work he was cut down to laborer's pay, although Mr. Duncan had previously told him that he was doing satisfactory work. He said that paving work was done by others not engaged as pavers, while he did not get the work he supposed he was engaged to do. Mr. McCarthy had been doing paving work, also some work had been done by others in South Boston and on Columbia Road. He further said he had accepted the job for less than regular paver's pay, that he had had an opportunity to go to work at the Navy Yard, which chance he lost by staying with the City, and that it cost him $25.00 to join the paving union.

Mr. O'Connor stated that Mr. McDonough's suspension was due to petty spite, because he would not wear the uniform, rather than to lack of work, and charged the assistant superintendent with being actuated by revengeful motives and using abusive language.

The hearing was closed.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 1, 1907.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs.Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for pile foundations for the Strandway stable and shed, also for new sills for the same;and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bids.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for spraying machinery; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on infestations of gypsy and brown-tail moths adjoining the parks and parkways, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the plans for the connection of Avenue Louis Pasteur with the Fenway; and it was

VOTED, to approve the plans.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the notification of the Carpenters' District Council of an increase of pay of carpenters; and the report was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Cornelius J. Desmond, regarding the raising of the grade between the fence and the Speedway, Franklin Field; and the report was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the West End Boat Club for the privilege of mooring their boathouse at Charlesbank near Allen street; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

VOTED, that John C. McDonough, paver, be suspended from and after April 23, 1907, for the reason stated in the notice previously given to him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the South-End Mission to use the loam spaces at Columbus-avenue Playground for school gardens, and it was

VOTED, to grant, experimentally, the use of the loam spaces at Columbus-avenue Playground, to the South End Mission, for school gardens.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of George E. H. Timson, Time-keeper, for an increase of pay; and it was

VOTED, that the pay of George W. H.Timson, Time-keeper, be increased from $2.00 per day to $2.50 per day.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of the Martin Skate Company of boys throwing stones and breaking windows at Columbus-avenue Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Music Trustees in regard to the location of a music stand at Abbotswood; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted reports on proposals for park department hats and laundry work, the former of which was referred to the Secretary to see if Mr. Spitz will furnish them at $1.00 each; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of the Excelsior Laundry for laundry work.

The Superintendent submitted a report on subscription for Park and Cemetery; and the Secretary was authorized to subscribe for the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of improving Commonwealth Playground, as suggested by Councilman Doherty, which was refered to the Chairman.

Executive Circulars regarding the hours of labor, also leave of absence to G. A. R. veterans, etc., were received and placed on file.

Sundry communications regarding the speed limit for automobiles were received and placed on file.

A circular of the Teaming Contractor's Association, giving notice of advance in prices of double and single teams, was received and placed on file.

A request of George L.Layman for permission to operate a merry-go-round at Charlestown Playground, June 15 to 17, was received and laid over.

A communication was received from Mrs. Wells regarding the status of the Charlesbank Women's Division under the new law recently passed by the Legislature; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 6, 1907

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present the Superintendent and the Engineer of the Board. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board reorganized by electing a chairman and a secretary for the ensuing year. The question on the election of a chairman being put by the Secretary, Mr. Prendergast voted for Mr. Stratton, Mr. Coakley voted for Mr. Stratton: Mr. Stratton did not vote.

The question on the election of a secretary being put, Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, severally, voted for George F. Clarke.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills, and to sign contracts on behalf of the Board.

VOTED, that Mr. Prendergast be chairman pro tem.,and be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the chairman.

VOTED, that in the absence of the chairman and the chairman pro tem. Mr. Coakley act as chairman pro tem.,and be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

The Superintendent submitted reports on Common Council orders requesting the Board to furnish a tree for planting on the plot extending from the southwest corner of the Head House towards the Public Landing, and to place settees there, also to cause the tennis courts at Wood Island Park to be placed in condition for use, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Dorchester Gentlemen's Driving Club for a return drive at the Speedway and making a turning place at a point west of Lyons street; and it was

VOTED, to approve the plan for the return drive which accompanied the Superintendent's report.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to report why the building located between South and Washington streets, on the Arborway, is suffered to remain in violation of restrictions on the land, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent submitted a request of members of Park Employees' Assembly for a day in which to hold their annual picnic; and it was

VOTED, to allow the men a holiday for a picnic, on such day as they may

select, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services.

The Superintendent submitted the following proposals for erecting a refreshment pavilion on Columbia Road at L street:

Isaac G. Hamilton,	$863.00
John J. Flynn,	872.00
William Riley,	979.00
James F. Flaherty,	1029.00
Cahill Construction Company,	1166.00

and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bid.

The Superintendent submitted a report in reference to the act relative to hours of labor for workmen in City departments; and the Secretary was instructed to confer with the Corporation Counsel in regard to how far it affects labor in this department.

Messrs. Edward L. Logan and Michael Norris came before the Board in the matter of the contract for the Marine Park Boat Service. Mr. Logan stated that he had come in response to the Chairman's letter of invitation. He said he came merely to voice the sentiment in South Boston, which is against the selection of Mr. Gethro for the place instead of the man who was there and had put his money into the business. He represented, he said, certain people of South Boston who had come to him protesting against the action of the Board, believing that injustice had been done to Mr. Stevens. Those who have come to him are interested in Stevens because he lives over there and they think that he had so much invested there that the Board ought to protect his investment by allowing him to retain the small boat privilege without interfering with the service of the wharf.

Mr. Logan said that where a man has invested money under a license of the Board, the Board should protect him, as is done in the case of liquor licenses by the licensing board. Mr. Stevens had offered Mr. Gethro $250 for the privileges Stevens had last year. Mr. Gethro was more interested in putting on steam boats and a fishing boat, and as he was getting the big end of the whole privilege he ought to be willing to allow Stephens to run the small boats or buy the property at a fair price.

In answer to a suggestion from the Board that Mr. Stevens' conduct of

the boat service was not satisfactory, Mr. Logan said, that, if the Board will bring out the facts as to his unfitness, it would suffice. The feeling against the Board is such that the Board ought to state the facts as to the unfitness of Stevens.

Mr. Norris said that he did not know Stevens. That his attention was called to the matter by two delegations who represented that the people were angry, very angry, because the privilege had been taken from a South Boston man, which they thought an injustice. Mr. Norris said that he suggested to them that Mr. Stevens' service was not satisfactory and that Mr. Driscoll had said that it was not so. He further said he had talked with Mr. Gethro's representative, but found that he was not willing to do anything to remunerate Stevens for any monetary loss or injustice done him.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 15, 1907

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Suprintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report stating that material was being dumped in Charles river adjoining the wall at Charlesbank; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to write the Chairman of the Charles River Basin Commission.

The Superintendent submitted a report on tenders for sponges and chamois skins; and it was

VOTED, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a request of William S. Bramhall of the Committee on Dorchester Day Celebration, for the use of Gibson Field on Dorchester Day; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request and toauthorize the Superintendent to make arrangements therefor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Joint special Committee on Dorchester Day Celebration for the use of Franklin Field on Dorchester Day for a dress parade; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request and to authorize the Superintendent to make arrangements therefor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from the Music Department relative to Sunday evening band concerts at Pine Bank; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on requests of Charles A. Hogan, clerk and time-keeper, and Peter Barker, gardener, for increase of pay; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from the Civil Service Commissioners stating that athletic instructors do not come within the civil service as at present classified.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting a report on the advisability of taking land bounded by O street, Seventh street and Columbia Road for park purposes; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the location of two floating bathhouses at Charlesbank; and it was

VOTED, to approve the temporary locations recommended by him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from the Music Department relative to bandstand location at Abbotswood, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a request of Henry Malcomes for a playground in Ward 16, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that the Charlesbank gymnasium building be put in condition for use, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council inquiring why the building on the Arborway, between Washington and South streets, is suffered to remain in violation of the restrictions on the land; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from Walter L. Burrage relative to automobile signs on Commonwealth avenue, recommending that the signs remain as they are for the present; and the matter was placed on file.

A communication from Henry B. Spitz offering uniform hats at a reduction of five cents from the former price was received; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the hats.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to rescind the rule requiring Park employees to wear the Park Department uniform, was received and placed on file.

The request of George L. Layman for permission to conduct a merry-go-round at Charlestown Playground, June 15 to 17, also request of James A. Hatton and others for a similar privilege, were referred to the Superintendent.

A request of Frank C. Healy for permission to establish and conduct a refreshment pavilion on the park grounds in the vicinity of the L-street bathhouse was received and laid over.

A request of the Dahlgren Corps, No.20, W. R. C., for the use of a part of the Strandway, and of McKinley Circle, No. 16, G. A. R., for permission to visit Castle Island, both for Memorial Day services, were received; and it was

VOTED, to grant their requests, the Secretary to notify them accordingly.

Tenders for various supplies were received and referred to the Superintendent to accept, in each case, the lowest bids, and if they are not accepted to report to the Board why they should be departed from.

The Superintendent submitted recommendations in the matter of the claim of Charles S. Judkins for overcharge on the bills for suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths, on estates of Adelaide H. Hickey and Heirs of Tilly Haynes; and it was

VOTED, to approve the reductions recommended by the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 21, 1907

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 4.15 P. M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on his correspondence and inter-

view with P. J. McCarthy, Master Workman Park Assembly, K. of L., in reply to his letter of May 5, which was placed on file..

The Superintendent submitted a report on the wages paid to gardeners in the Park Department, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on wages and hours of labor of teamsters in the Park Department, in reference to the act of 1907, chapter 269, limiting the hours of labor to forty-eight per week, and recommending that the pay of teamsters be made $2.00 per day; and it was

VOTED, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

A communication from Secretary Leahy of the Music Department, with programme of summer concerts, lacking dates, was received; and it was

VOTED, to provisionally approve the same.

A plan for addition to locker building, submitted by the Boston Yacht Club, was received and approved, subject to changes in the second story plan of the building to make it fifteen or more feet in width.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Charles River Basin Commission relative to construction at the outlet to the Fens; and the matter was referred to Mr. Prendergast for reply.

A communication from James H. Doyle requesting the Board to reconsider its rejection of the West End Boat Club's petition for a location at Charlesbank, was received;and the Superintendent was instructed to confer with the President of the Boat Club and report further to the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 31, 1907.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Prendergast' office, 87 Milk street, at 4.15 P. M. Present Messrs. Prendergast and Coakley, Mr. Stratton being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the West End Boat Club for leave to moor its boathouse at Charlesbank temporarily during the construction of the new embankment; and it was

VOTED, to permit the same under the direction of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of John A. Costello

to ride in an open express wagon in Franklin Park and other parks; and the Secretary was authorized to issue a permit for said purpose.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of James E.Maguire, President of the Citizens' Trade Association of East Boston, for use of grounds at Wood Island Park on July 30; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting that the seats be replaced at Belmont Square, and that a fountain be placed in Charlestown Playground; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Thomas F. Fitzgerald for the use of a slip at Mystic Playground for a public landing; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Board of Health of Brookline, that the Board co-operate with them in petrolising the waters of the Riverway, Leverett Pond and other ponds; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Sewer Department for permission to construct a sewer across Franklin Field; and the Secretary was instructed to issue a permit, subject to such requirements as the Superintendent of Parks may impose.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Alderman Bell, that ball games scheduled for Franklin Field, June 8, be accommodated in Franklin Park; and the Superintendent was instructed to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen, that the handball court at Follows-street Playground be located in the centre of the grounds; and the report and order were placed on file.

Executive Circular No 26, regarding the filing of a copy of all contracts in the City Clerk's office, was received and placed on file.

Requests of the Bath Trustees for the control of North End Beach, and Dewey Beach,Charlestown Heights, from June 15, 1907 to June 15, 1908, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the care and control of the bathhouses and pier at North End Beach, including the beach and grounds northerly of Commercial street, be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15,1907 to June 15, 1908, upon the same terms as formerly.

VOTED, that the care and control of the beach at Charlestown Heights be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15,1907 to June 15, 1908, reserving the right to this Board to revoke the authority hereby

given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

A request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for leave to construct a conduit in Columbia Road, from Dudley street to Hancock street, was received; and the Secretary was instructed to issue a permit therefor.

A request of the Music Department for permission to give a band concert in Edward Everett Square, June 8, between 8 and 10 P.M., was received; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

A request of D. W. Waldron that the Fresh Air Fund have permission to hold a series of picnics in Franklin Park, as in former years, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Managers of the Fresh Air Fund be authorized to hold a series of picnics for five days, beginning July 23, in Long Crouch Woods, Franklin Park, under the same conditions as heretofore.

A petition from residents of Commonwealth avenue and vicinity, requesting the police to rigidly enforce the rules of the Board regarding the use of the left-hand drive on Commonwealth avenue by autoists, was received; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

An order of the Common Council requesting a report in regard to the terms of the lease of the Head House, etc.,was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to the order of the Board of Aldermen in regard to taking a parcel of land bounded by O street, Seventh street and Columbia Road, for park purposes; also the Common Council order relative to the building standing on land between South and Washington streets,Arborway.

The request of Frank C. Healy for refreshment privilege at the L-street bathhouse was referred to the Superintendent for report.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JULY 10, 1907.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 2 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley; also present Assistant Superintendents Shea and Duncan, and Engineer Putnam. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Assistant Superintendent Shea submitted a report on the Mayor's Circular regarding the increase of pay to $2.25 per day for laborers, recommending that the pay of teamsters working on a monthly basis be increased acordingly; and it was

VOTED, to allow teamsters working on a monthly basis an increase of twenty-five cents for each working day, or $1.56 for six and one-quarter days weekly; also to advance the pay of laborers employed temporarily in special occupations, from $2.25 to $2.50 per day, for such time as the special work demands.

The Superintendent's report on the request of Edward J. Moriarty, steam-roller engineer, for pay while absent attending the funeral of his father, was considered; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

The Board considered the Superintendent's report on the petition of Alderman Woods and others for a gymnasium at North Brighton Playground; and it was

VOTED, to approve the Superintendent's recommendations and authorize him to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed locker building.

A communication from Samuel R. Jones relative to the efficiency of the present boat service was received from the Mayor and placed on file.

A communication from the Park Employees Assembly requesting a hearing relative to grievances of the local assembly was received and laid over.

A communication from Mrs. K. G. Wells requesting the appointment of Elizabeth Johnson as assistant superintendent at the Women's gymnasium, during the summer vacation, was received; and it was

VOTED, on nomination of the Committee of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, to appoint Miss Johnson assistant superintendent of the Charlesbank Women's Gymnasium, at a salary of fifty dollars per month.

A communication from P. P. Field relative to moth assessments was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Mayor relative to plans for Savin Hill Playground improvement was received; and the matter was laid over.

Communications from the West End House and from the Massachusetts General Hospital Alumni Association, for boathouse locations at Charlesbank, were received and referred to Assistant Superintendent Shea for report.

A communication from the Election Department for booth locations at Commonwealth avenue corner of Hereford street, and at Prince-street and Charlestown playgrounds, was received and referred to Assistant Superintendent Shea for report.

A communication from George S. Tarbell Company for the extension of their carriage privilege at Franklin Park was received and referred to Assistant Superintendent Duncan for report.

A communication from E. M. Read requesting change in location of seats on the parkway was received, and referred to Assistant Superintendent Shea for report.

A communication from Henry M. Williams in reference to the condition of the sidewalk on Charlesgate East, adjoining Hotel Somerset, also a communication from the Sewer Department on the same subject, were received and placed on file.

A communication from L. E. Bova regarding repairs to laundry machinery at the Head House and requesting a renewal of his lease, also a communication from F. R. Bacon relative to giving information regarding Franklin Park to the drivers of Park carriages, were received and referred to Assistant Superintendent Duncan for report.

A communication from M. J. O'Leary relative to the condition of the Strandway dump was received; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

VOTED, that the pay of C. A. Hogan, clerk and time-keeper, be increased from $2.00 to $2.50 per day.

VOTED, to appoint Joseph M. Tierney athletic instructor at North Brighton Playground, at $60.00 per month.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting information as to where the handball court at Fellows-street Playground was to be placed, was received and placed on file, as the court had already been built.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the Board to place permanent benches on the Cottage-street Playground, also in regard to the cost of erecting the pavilion at L-street, and to whom and under what conditions it is leased, were received and laid over.

Leo F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, AUGUST 7, 1907

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of C. W. Stevens for permission to place a raft at the northerly end of Q street; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted preliminary reports on filling Savin Hill Playground, and on the communication from Miss Hardies relative to signs indicating roads in the Fens, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of E. M. Read that seats be placed in the shade on the parkway, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on increases of wages to park employees in connection with the increase of twenty-five cents to laborers, and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Strandway Committee of the South Boston Citizen's Association, relative to the condition of the Strandway dump; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with the Committee.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of George E.Cabot et als., Trustees, for leave to construct a coal pocket under Commonwealth avenue sidewalk at Haddon Hall; and the opinion of the Law Department having been given that no compensation should be required, it was

VOTED, that George E. Cabot et als.,Trustees, be permitted to construct and maintain a coal pocket, or vault, under the sidewalk of Commonwealth avenue, at the building known as Haddon Hall on the northwest corner of Commonwealth avenue and Berkeley street, according to the plans and specifications attached to their petition for such permit, and subject to the terms and conditions of section 18 of chapter 38 of the Revised Ordinances and of any other ordinances of the City of Boston, or statutes relating thereto,and of the permit to be issued therefor, and to the further condition that said trustees for themselves and their successors and assigns accept the conditions herein referred to, in writing.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of three work horses, and the Superintendent was authorized to dispose of them by sale or in exchange for other horses.

The Superintendent submitted reports on Common Council orders requesting the Board to provide benches at Cottage-street Playground, and a handball

court at Mystic Playground; and the matters were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of N. J. Rochford for a hearing regarding disputed gypsy moth assessment; and the Secretary was instructed to ask him to see the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the attendance of the assistant superintendents at the Convention of the American Association of Park Superintendents; and it was

VOTED, not to provide transportation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for permission to string two feed wires on Commonwealth avenue from Beacon to Essex streets; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

A communication was received from the Charles River Basin Commission requesting leave to haul material through Charlesbank for the lock-gates; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request on such conditions as the Superintendent may deem necessary.

A communication from Henry M. Williams relative to sidewalk at Hotel Somerset was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, AUGUST 15, 1907.

The following proposals for building a shelter on the pier at Marine Park were received, opened, and read, at 64 Pemberton square, the Chairman and a representative from the Mayor's office being present:-

Cahill Construction Company	$3462.00
John J. Flynn	3637.00
Lawler Brothers	4200.00

Subsequently the bid of the Cahill Construction Company was accepted by the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, AUGUST 27, 1907

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office,70 State street, at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Coakley,also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from E. M. Read relative to seats on the Riverway, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of J. J. Toomey for a telephone at Gloucester street and Commonwealth avenue, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Assistant Librarian of the Public Library, relative to charge for prints of photographs; and the Secretary was directed to notify him that there would be no charge for the photographs for exhibition purposes.

The Superintendent a report on the complaint of the Strandway Committee of the South Boston Citizen's Association ofpapers floating from the Strandway dump, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposed entrance of Devon street into Columbia Road; and the Secretary was instructed to issue a permit accordingly.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to oiling roads, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the financial condition of the department and the need of additional appropriation, which was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on making eight acres of the Fens' Playground available for play, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for gymnastic apparatus framework at Charlestown Playground; and the matter was laid over.

A communication from the Puritan Canoe Club requesting a renewal of its lease on the Strandway was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Miss Garrity complaining of annoyance from boys at Fellows-street Playground was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that he had had an interview with T.J.Sullivan regarding the proposed shelter on the pier head.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the suspension of Richard Walsh and Lawrence J. Hackett; and they were given a hearing on notice of suspension for lack of work. Mr. Hackett stated that he and Mr. Walsh had been convicted and sentenced, losing pay for six or seven weeks,for

trying to keep their employer out of trouble. He said they hadn't heard what charge Mr. Bean had brought against them, and wished to know, as they acted not against any rules but for the interest of the department. The Chairman answered that nothing had been said against their character or their work.

Mr. Hackett continuing said, we were sent to East Boston, whether or not under proper authority he did not know, and told to report to Mr.Bean, who was at work pulling up a bridge. Talked with Mr. Walsh, who said we would get the Park Department into trouble by working. We were not looking for trouble, and told Mr. Bean that we would like to speak to Mr. Duncan on the telephone. Couldn't get him and went back to the yard where we were put to work on the roller. If Mr. Bean has told the story that we refused to work, it is not so as we did not refuse to work, but wished to lay the matter before Mr. Duncan.

In answer to Mr. Coakley, Mr. Hackett said that both are willing to work; that last winter, although not machinists, they were at work at all kinds of work in the shop. Asked if some of the rollers had not been laid off, Mr. Hackett said he did not know but thought they were laid off for a few days. He had told Mr.Duncan that his roller was not fit to go out. Mr. Duncan, however, told him to go down and do the best he could; the roller broke down on the way back to the yard. Asked by Mr. Coakley how many were working that morning and how many since, Mr. Hackett said he did not know, but his roller has been out ever since under Mr. Taylor, no one being left in the shop.

Mr. Hackett further said they did not have their wages reduced in the winter, that they got $3.00 a day, and worked under cover on account of the labor unions. If we had worked outside for Mr. Bean, he said, there would have been trouble, as when we went over there, where eight or nine men were working, we called Mr. Bean to one side, and, while talking with him, one of them called us two strikers and repeated it two or three times, and others did the same. Mr. Hackett said he asked Mr. Bean for the name of one of the men, and that Mr. Bean would bear him out in that statement.

The hearing was closed and the Board took the matter under consideration. Subsequently, it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be instructed to offer Richard Walsh and Lawrence J. Hackett such other work in the department as he may have at current wages for such work.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the sub-letting by Mr. Bova of the stand at Marine Park; and a hearing was given to Mr. Bova on the matter.

Mr. Bova stated that a party came to him and wanter a concession to sell cornucopia ice-cream. The concessionaire occupied a small space, about ten by six feet, in a corner of the lower floor, for $750 for the season, which expires next Monday, and had been there all summer. He continued to sell ice-cream himself in other forms, and he would be glad when the concession ended as the concessionaire got all the business. Mr. Bova said that he felt that he was simply working under his rights under the lease, and couldn't see that it was not within his rights. He admitted that if he sublet the whole business it would require the consent of the Board, but he did not think that he was violating the terms of the lease by letting a concession for something that his contract allows to be sold there, as it made no difference to the Board. As to why complaint had been made, he said he believed it was because someone dislikes him, or because politicians want the Head House, and, therefore, try to make things disagreeable for him.

The hearing was closed.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 20, 1907.

The following proposals for sanitary and locker building on North Brighton Playground were received and opened at 64 Pemberton square, by Mr. Coakley, a representative from the Mayor's office being present:-

Hapgood, Frost & Company	$8,654
William Crane	8,769
John Griffin & Company	8,875
John J. Cranitch	9,168
Cahill Construction Company	10,194
John J. Flynn	10,772
W. L. Morrison	10,895

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 1, 1907.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Farrell's request for a renewal of his boating concession at Charlesbank for another year; and it was

VOTED, to offer to renew the lease for one year at a rental of $150 per annum.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the requests of the Puritan Canoe Club and Columbia Yacht Club for renewal of leases for locations on the Strandway; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for the North Brighton Playground locker building; and it was

VOTED, to award the contract to the lowest bidder.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Miss Hardie's communication relative to lack of signs to designate the streets and numbers of the lots on Audubon Road; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Fuller's request for a telephone at Columbus-avenue Playground; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from P. J. McCarthy, of the District Assembly of the Knights of Labor; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to a division fence between Neponset Playground and the property of Mary E. Spear; and it was

VOTED, to pay one-half of the cost of the fence.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for winter uniforms; and it was

VOTED, to award the contract to H. B. Spitz, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On the request of J. J. Toomey for permission to install a telephone on Gloucester street and Commonwealth avenue, it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

Requests of the Mayor for lists of land acquisitions and contracts awarded since January 1, 1889, also employees whose salaries have been increased since January 1, 1906, were received and referred to the Chairman.

A request of Miss Amelia W. Hooper for a hearing relative to assessment for gypsy moth suppression work was received and referred to the Superinten-

dent to give her a hearing.

Executive Circular No. 30, regarding the granting of half-holidays on the days on which primaries and elections are to be held, was received; and it was

VOTED, to grant the half-holidays in accordance with the Mayor's circular.

A communication from the Twenty-five Associates of the East Boston Cricket and Football Club, relative to taking land for a playground in East Boston, was received and placed on file.

A communication from M. J. Leary regarding the preventing of waste material from floating out on the bay from the dump on the Strandway was received and placed on file.

A communication from Mitchell Freiman, of the West End House, requesting that the classes at the Women's Gymnasium, Charlesbank, be continued during the winter, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from C. E. Cotting, relative to the granting of a permit for a sewer in Chestnut Hill Park, to the Provident Institution for Savings, Town of Boston, and the Chairman was authorized to sign an agreement, approved by the Law Department, to permit the construction of the sewer on the terms recommended by the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 19, 1907

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 10.30 A. M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the privilege of dumping snow and ice on Charlestown Playground, during the coming winter; and it was

VOTED, to grant the Boston Elevated Railway Company the privilege, during the coming winter, of dumping snow and ice over the seawall at Charlestown Playground, also upon such other parts of the playground as the Superin-

tendent of Parks may determine can be used without detriment to this department; said Company to protect the gateway on Alford street by erecting temporary wooden posts, repair any damage to the iron fence caused by their teams, have a man stationed at the dump at all times during snow storms to allow none other than their teams to use the dump, and do all said work under the direction and control of the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mrs. Fowle's request in regard to a location for a fountain on Columbia Road; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to see Mrs. Fowle.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Mayor's office, relative to compensation to Gussie Silverman, for damage done to clothing from a Park Department wagon; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to hire Chandler's Pond for skating, at an expense of $200, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the Common Council requesting that football be allowed on that part of Wood Island Park known as the cricket field, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Mayor's office relative to a hearing on the permanent employment of men in the park department was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from Julius Winkler relative to a claim for injury to his boy at Franklin Park was received; and the Secretary was instructed to reply, that, while the Board would be glad to investigate the matter, it has no legal authority to make compensation therefor.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to John Comerford the amount due Patrick Comerford, deceased, on the pay rolls of this department

VOTED, that James E. Norton be suspended, for the reasons stated in the notice heretofore given to him.

Proposals for re-tinning the roof of the Shepherd's house at Franklin Field were received as follows:

John Feeney	$45.00
Thomas J. Hind	52.00
National Roofing & Roof-Repairing Co.,	59.00
G. L. Butters & Company	90.00

and the bid of John Feeney was accepted.

VOTED, that the Superintendent make arrangements to continue the women's classes at Charlesbank during the winter.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 28, 1907

The following proposals for building a brick sanitary and locker building at Franklin Field were received and opened, at 64 Pemberton square, by the Chairman, a representative from the Mayor's office being present:

William Crane	$23,213
Mack & Moore	23,900
Whitcomb & Cavanaugh	25,713
John F. Griffin & Company	26,400
Hapgood, Frost & Company	26,762
Cahill Construction Company	26,928
Charles H. Mead	27,414
John J. Flynn	27,931

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 7, 1907

A hearing was given at 64 Pemberton square, at 4 P.M., on the petition of F. P. Sprague and others that the plan of planting on Commonwealth avenue be changed to provide for four rows of trees in place of two rows. Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast of the Board and a large number of petitioners and others interested were present.

The hearing was conducted on the part of the petitioners by R. F. Sturgis, a report of which and several letters on the subject are on file.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 12, 1907

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4 P. M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley; also present the Mayor and Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for a sanitary and locker building at Franklin Field; and it was

VOTED, to award the contract to William Crane, the lowest bidder.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for roofing the Strandway stable and the Randolph-street Playground building, also for a gymnasium frame at Charlestown Playground; and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bids.

Acknowledgments from Dr. Stedman, Dahlgren Post 2, G. A. R., the Medford Park Commission, and from Miss Dora Burnce and Mitchell Freiman were received and placed on file.

VOTED, to approve the plan for proposed extension of Prince street, through land of Edward M. and Eliza A. Brewer, drawn by James Adam, C. E., and dated September 1907.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from James A. Dorsey, relative to the employment of James M. Kennedy; and it was

VOTED, to adopt the recommendation of the Superintendent.

A communication from Bishop Lawrence relative to the Commonwealth-avenue trees was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to Ellen T. Cain, widow of Thomas W. Cain, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this department.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 12, 1907

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the purchase of three automobiles for the department, which was referred to Mr. Coakley to confer with the Mayor.

VOTED, that the concession to Edward J. Tomlin, to occupy the pavilion on the Strandway at L-street, to sell light refreshments therein, be extended for one year from date, at the rental of $100.00 per annum, and the further consideration that said Tomlin keeps the said premises neat and clean,

and furnishes, between May 1 and October 1, the labor necessary to pick up stray papers on the Strandway between K and M streets.

Adjourned to December 16.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 16, 1907

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report with estimates for 1908-09, as requested in the Mayor's Circular, No. 32; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to transmit the same to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a plan showing the proposed location of the new locker building on Franklin Field; and it was

VOTED, to approve the plan.

The Superintendent submitted a plan showing proposed changes in the fort at Castle Island, referred to in Major Burr's letter relative to obtaining the approval of the War Department; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted reports on bids received for loam for Commonwealth avenue and for plumbing materials, which were laid over.

Proposals for land for playgrounds in Roxbury were received, also a letter from the Principal of the Jefferson School; and the Secretary was instructed to send a list of the proposals to the Mayor.

A request of Gabriel Farrell for a three years' lease of the boat privilege at Charlesbank, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Board approved the proposal to connect the Strandway stable with the Edison Electric Light service, also a contract for atelephone at the Strandway stable; and the Secretary was authorized to sign the same.

A communication from Spencer Borden, Jr., in regard to the rate of speed for automobiles in the parkways, was received and laid over.

VOTED, that the concession heretofore granted to CharlesFottler for sharpening skates, and selling skates, skate straps, and refreshments, in a building at Franklin Field, be extended for this season, upon the same terms and conditions as last year.

VOTED, to advertise for proposals for leasing the Head House at Marine Park.

VOTED, that the exclusive right of selling refreshments at Castle Island, heretofore granted to Antonio Gregori, be extended for three years, on the same terms as before.

VOTED, that the monthly allowance to James B. Shea, for the use of two horses and a carriage, be increased from $45.00 to $60.00.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 13, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on bids for plumbing material for the North Brighton Playground sanitary building; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to order the material required.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of S. I. Hudgens for a renewal of his burro privileges; and it was

VOTED, to permit S. I. Hudgens to keep burros for hire at Marine and Franklin parks, for this season, provided that the length of ride, the burros and their equipment are satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Joseph P. Howe, regarding the nature of his employment in this department; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent's report on lighting the ice areas was approved.

The Superintendent was instructed to report on the sites offered for a playground in East Boston.

A communication from the Mayor, transmitting Common Council orders requesting improvements and lighting at North Brighton Playground, was received, and the orders were referred to the Chairman for reply.

Mayor's circular relative to accounting of stock was received, and the Superintendent was directed to prepare a list of stock, as requested by the Mayor.

Executive circulars, Nos. 1 and 2, relative to salaries and the employment of labor, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Assistant City Clerk, transmitting a copy of resolutions relative to the contemplated establishment of a detention station at Castle Island, were received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting a change of name of North End Park to Scigliano Park, also a communication from James E. Carroll relative to the same, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Chairman Warren of the Art Commission, relative to the completion of work at the Collins Memorial, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from Henry J. Bowen and William V. McDermott, relative to playground sites, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Patrick J. Coleman requesting that boys of Ward 8 be allowed to practice indoor athletics at the girls' gymnasium at Charlesbank, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Proposals for shovels, paint and harness supplies were received and referred to the Superintendent to report prices paid for these supplies in 1905 and 1906.

Proposals for leasing the Head House, Marine Park, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Gabriel Farrell for an extension of his boat privilege at Charlesbank; and it was

VOTED, to extend the lease of the boat service at Charlesbank to Gabriel Farrell, for three years from March 1, 1908, at an annual rental of $150.

Wm. F. Kelaher,
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 28, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on comparative prices of paints, shovels, and harness supplies, which were placed on file.

Common Council orders requesting an estimate of the cost of improvements at Rogers Park, including gymnastic apparatus, also requesting estimates for

putting First-street Playground skating area in condition and resurfacing the baseball field, also requesting that an Italian "Bocchi Court" (Bowling alley) be put at Cottage-street Playground, and electric lights installed at Randolph-street Playground, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Dean Clarke relative to his poem on the Franklin Park spring fountain was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Columbia Yacht Club requesting renewal of its lease was received and laid over.

A petition for the use of Chandler's Pond for skating purposes was received, and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bill of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for work done on the electric light equipment at Castle Island; and it was

VOTED, to approve the bill.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 13, 1908.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the operations of the department; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to put the men on half-time.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Boston Consumptive's Hospital, requesting that signs be placed in the parks, calling attention to the danger from careless expectoration; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the accident to Anton Volk, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a recommendation of the Engineer in regard to reductions, to partly offset the extra work on the foundations of the Franklin Field locker building, also a report in regard to substituting

metal lockers for wooden ones in said building; and it was

VOTED, to approve both recommendations and to notify the contractor accordingly.

The Superintendent submitted a report on communications from William H. Richardson, relative to the Ipswich-street steps and the slow progress of the work on the bridge over the railroad and Ipswich street; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for leasing the Head House, Marine Park, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on rebuilding a part of the Arboretum wall, which was laid over.

A communication from T. D. Loring, Clerk of the Harvard Improvement Association, calling attention to the condition of the path from Blue Hill avenue to the spring in Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent to submit a plan of the same to the Board.

A communication from the War Department authorizing changes in Fort Independence, Castle Island, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Puritan Canoe Club relative to a renewal of its lease on the Strandway, was received and laid over.

The Superintendent was directed to advertise for teams in the usual way.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bills rendered by the Sanitary Division of the Street Department in 1905, for picking up papers blown from the neighboring dumps into the Fens; and the Superintendent was instructed to cancel the account.

Commodore Slack, and Messrs. Thomas Hills and Charles P. Mooney, a committee of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, came before the Board with reference to a renewal of their lease on the Strandway. They submitted a statement of the financial condition of the Club and stated their inability to pay rent. The Commissioners asked the Commodore to send in writing what they orally said to the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 24, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an order of the Common Council, requesting that a handball court be provided at Wood Island Park; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Ralph G.Stowell for a renewal of the boat concession at Jamaica Pond; and it was

VOTED, that, with the approval of the Mayor, Ralph G. Stowell be granted the privilege of maintaining and operating for hire a public boat service at Jamaica Pond, and of selling light refreshments, including confectionery and fruit (except bananas, watermelons, and unshelled peanuts), at the boat landing, for the season of 1908; on condition that he pay to the City on or before July 31, the sum of fifty dollars for said privilege, furnish an equipment of boats and landing facilities equal to those furnished heretofore, keep his premises for the sale of refreshments clean and tidy, lock the gate and oars up at night, and allow no one the use of the boats early in the morning unless an attendant is on duty: all of said service to be under the supervision of the police, and to be subject to revocation if the business is not carried on to the satisfaction of this Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for leasing the Head House, Marine Park; and it was

VOTED, to reject all the proposals and to readvertise the lease.

The Superintendent submitted a report on paint proposals, also on proposals for harness maker's supplies, shovels, spades, etc.; and it was

VOTED, to authorize purchases of the supplies needed from the lowest bidders.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the purchase of four draught horses, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Harvard Improvement Association, regarding the path to the Abbotswood spring; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication received from the Mayor regarding the conduct of the Columbus-avenue Playground,and the matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Civil League.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting a drinking fountain on the Riverway, between Brookline and

Longwood avenues; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting a permanent instructor at Randolph-street Playground; and the matter was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Knights of Pythias, that they be permitted to erect between four and five thousand tents on Franklin Field, for quarters for members of the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias, during their annual encampment; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Knights of Pythias for permission to erect tents on Franklin Field, to provide quarters for the members of the Uniform Rank of said order, at their annual encampment in this city, August 3-10, 1908; all the arrangements to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the repair bills of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company; and the matter was referred to the Secretary to confer with the Corporation Counsel as to what form the action of the Board should take in the matter.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the biological examination of the water in the Marine Park pond, which was placed on file.

A Common Council order requesting information relative to the loan for a playground in Ward 17 was received and placed on file.

A communication from Roger T. Sturgis, relative to the petition that the four row alignment of trees be restored on Commonwealth avenue, was received; and the matter was laid over.

A communication from Major Burr, relative to changes at Fort Independence, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Councilman Crook regarding the lot on Brookside avenue, Jamaica Plain, for playground purposes, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Proposals for gymnastic apparatus at Charlestown and First-street playgrounds were received; and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bid.

Executive circular, Number 4, relative to the assignment of wages, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 10, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for steel hot-water tanks for Marcella-street and North Brighton playgrounds; also proposals for hot water radiators for North Brighton Playground; and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bids.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of William B.Rice for a change in the laws relative to the height of buildings on Commonwealth avenue, which was placed on file, the Chairman having already communicated wit Mr. Rice in regard to the matter.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Mayor relative to coal purchases, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an anonymous communication, received through the Mayor's office, relative to the rating of Michael McNulty as foreman, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the rating of Thomas Callahan as janitor at Charlesbank, which was placed on file. The Superintendent reported his action in reference to the Mayor's circular No.4, regarding assignment of wages, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Mayor's circular No 6, relative to car fares, also on the request of the Finance Commission for a list of stamps and stamped envelopes purchased in 1906 and 1907, which were placed on file, the Chairman having replied to both matters.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Mayor's circular, No.7, relative to the purchase of supplies, which was placed on file, the Chairman having replied thereto.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that electric lights be provided for Franklin Field, and the matter was placed on file.

The Mayor's circular No. 5,calling attention to the necessity of conducting all branches of the municipal service on a basis of rigid economy, and requesting a monthly statement of expenditures, was received and placed on file.

Two communications from John E. Crook, calling attention to a site for a playground in Ward 22, were received and placed on file.

A notice from the Clerk of Committees of a meeting of the Committee on

Appropriations was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from Joseph Lee, in answer to an anonymous communication received through the Mayor's office, relative to Columbus-avenue Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Arthur T. Lyman, relative to tree cutting on Commonwealth avenue, was received and placed on file.

A request from the Twenty-five Associates of the East Boston Cricket and Football Club for a hearing regarding playground sites was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication was received from the Knights of Pythias, acknowledging the action of the Board granting the use of Franklin Field, for an encampment of the military branch of their order, in August next.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 17, 1908.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on operations and employees; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to put the men on full time.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Charles W. Hubbard, proposing an exchange of land between the City and the "Winsor School Incorporated" at Berners Square; and it was

VOTED, to approve the plan for an exchange of land, the city to consent to the discontinuance of Woodstock street and that part of Berners street opposite the square, and to share equally with the corporation the area of Woodstock street, provided that an additional five foot strip be included in the square, in order that the department shall not suffer any loss of land by the widening of Longwood avenue five feet, as contemplated by the Board of Survey plans, the corporation to lay out a public way on its own land, at least twenty-five feet wide from Bellevue street to the Riverway, in continuation of Short street, or a 40-footway in conjunction with the

adjoining land, also a footway 15 feet wide open to the square and adjoining its land, on the north side of the square, as shown on the plan submitted, and provided the corporation will further agree to bear the expense of grading and loaming the new location of the square.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, for permission to change the location of its tracks at Arborway and Washington streets; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for further report.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from F. B. Dunn, relative to a theatre license on land at the corner of Elmo street and Blue Hill avenue; and the matter was referred back to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council for a drinking fountain at Charlestown Playground, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council in regard to laying out and repairing the baseball grounds at Charlestown Playground, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting an estimate on the cost of erecting shelter and sanitary buildings at Charlestown Playground, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting information in regard to the filling of Savin Hill Playground, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that the Park Commissioners complete the work of providing lockers for First-street Playground, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting the Board to provide electric lights for the locker building on First-street Playground, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council that the Park Commissioners repair the back nets on the tennis courts on the Talbot-avenue side of Franklin Field, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending uniform charges for the season for oiling streets in the Back Bay district; and the Superintendent's recommendation was approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report, requesting authority to draw from the Civil Service list one blacksmith; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to make requisition accordingly.

Mayor's Circular No. 9, with reference to obtaining supplies of printing and stationery, was received and referred to the Superintendent to furnish a list of such requirements to the Superintendent of Printing.

A communication from the Dorchester Awning Company, enclosing a communication from the Law Department in regard to a bond for the use of streets, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Proposals for leasing the Head House were received as follows:

Giovanni B. Aicardi	$1400 per annum for 3 years	$1500 per annum for 5 years
Charles A. Bova	1400 " " " 3 "	
Candelora De Luca		1200 " " " 5 "
James A. Healy & Frank C. Healy Co.,		1000 " " " 5 "

and it was

VOTED, to lease the Head House to Charles A. Bova, for three years, on the terms and conditions set forth in his proposal and the form of lease attached thereto.

A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, United States Government, regarding the convening of an International Congress for the purpose of studying questions connected with the adaptation of roads to the new modes of locomotion at Paris in 1908, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the purchase of a buggy; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase one.

The Superintendent submitted a report on renewals of expired yacht club leases, which was referred to the Chairman.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 31, 1908.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that disciplinary measures be taken with reference to some of the men working in the depart-

ment; and the Secretary was instructed to notify the men, in writing, that the Board is considering their suspension, but postpones doing so to give them another chance. The Secretary was also instructed to notify William Campbell that the Board approves of the action suspending him, but has concluded to give him another chance.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a request for evergreens, for decorations for a fair for the benefit of the Soldier's Home; and the Superintendent was authorized to furnish the evergreens, etc.,desired.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids received for furnishing summer uniforms; and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bids.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the change of tracks due to the erection of the elevated structure for the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Forest Hills; and it was

VOTED, that permission be granted to the West End Street Railway Company to construct, maintain and use an alteration of its existing locations as follows:

Double curved tracks in the North Traffic roadway, so-called, Arborway, from and connecting with the existing tracks there situate, to and connecting with the tracks proposed to be relocated at the northwest corner of Arborway and Washington street.

Also an addition to its existing locations as follows: A single curved track from and connecting with the proposed relocated tracks in Washington street at the northeast corner of Arborway, thence through restricted land north of Arborway to and connecting with proposed tracks in private land north of "line of 100 feet restriction;" together with all necessary curves, crossovers, switches and connections, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, Civil Engineer, dated February 7, 1908, and filed herewith, and all alterations in substitution for existing tracks as shown by dotted black lines on the aforesaid plan.

Also to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks, and to erect, lay and maintain and use the necessary poles, as indicated by red dots, also wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

Said permission is granted under the same conditions as are contained in the vote of this Board of July 23, 1900, granting a location in the North Traffic Road of the Arborway and under the bond filed by said Company with its acceptance of said location, also upon the further condition that said

Company pays to this department the cost of surfacing, planting, or other work done by this department consequent upon the said changes.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an order for extra work and deductions from the contract for the Franklin Field locker building; and it was

VOTED, to approve the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from J. J. Feeley with regard to admitting automobiles in certain roads in Franklin Park, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of F. P. Ewing, in regard to the care of the golf links. The Secretary was instructed to reply, and the Superintendent was instructed to give the matter of moist sand on the teeing grounds particular attention.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a report from the Board of Health in regard to the Marine Park pond, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on bids for crushed trap rock and Roxbury stone, and the Superintendent was instructed to secure new bids by advertisement.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an application from F. G. Benedict for approval of a bay window he proposes to erect on his house on the parkway at Bellevue street; and the Secretary was directed to confer with Mr. Benedict.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposed exchange of land at Berners Square with the Winsor School Incorporated; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from W. W. Clarke regarding a change of location of Henry Green's coupé stand at Charlesgate East and Commonwealth avenue; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Mayor regarding driving horses and cost of keeping horses, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Mayor regarding increased expenditures for maintenance for the past two months of the financial year over 1906, which was placed on file, and the Chairman was requested to answer the Mayor's communication.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of additional police in Franklin Park, which was referred to the Chairman, who was requested to communicate with the Police Commissioner.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council in regard to placing the Strandway Playground in condition for ball games

and providing bleachers, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting an estimate of the cost of convenience stations at Billings Field, Roslindale and Forest Hills playgrounds, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting the Board to provide rafts for Savin Hill Beach, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Mayor's Circular, No. 10, in regard to overtime work, which was placed on file, and the Chairman was requested to answer the Mayor's communication.

The Superintendent submitted his report for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1908, which was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the selection of James J.Monahan as general blacksmith, which was referred to the Chairman that he might request the Mayor's approval.

The following was received:

"Boston, March 2,1908

Boston Park Commission,
Boston, Mass.
Dear Sirs:-

"In order to settle the dispute which has arisen between the Edison Illuminating Company and your department concerning the maintenance and repair of the electric light cables owned by the city in different parkways, the Edison Company make the following proposition:-

"First: We will cancel the unpaid bills against the city for the maintenance and repair of the cables and will agree in the future to maintain and repair said cables and also the overhead system at Castle Island without expense to the city.

"Second. In consideration of these concessions on the part of the Edison Illuminating Company, the city to agree to pay during the life of the present contract concerning the street and park lighting of the city, the rates fixed by said contract, without the deduction of the one cent per light per night which has been made under the former arrangement between the company and your board.

"This arrangement to take effect upon its acceptance by your board.

Yours truly,

(Signed) C. L. Edgar."

VOTED, to accept the proposition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, for a settlement of bills for maintenance repairs of the electric light cables in the public parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Desmond's request for a fence between Franklin Field and the houses fronting on Callendar street, recommending that the matter be deferred for the present, and the Superintendent's recommendation was accepted.

Communications from Henry J. Bowen offering land in South Boston adjacent to the Norcross School, Fifth, C, and Gold streets, for a playground, were received and the Secretary was instructed to reply that the Board has no money which can be applied to the taking of land for a playground in South Boston.

The application of the St. Joseph's Athletic Association for the same location at Charlesbank for its floating boathouse, for another year, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, of the work done at the Charlesbank Women's Gymnasium, was received and placed on file.

Proposals for grass seed were received, and the lowest bids, as recommended by the Superintendent, were accepted.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to installing a bubble fountain on Columbia Road, at the request of Mrs. Fowle; and the Superintendent's recommendation was approved.

Jos. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 9, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Board considered the petition of Francis P. Sprague and others, asking that the plan of planting Commonwealth avenue, between Dartmouth street and Massachusetts avenue, be changed so as to obtain greater shade on the mall and roadway, and to retain three vistas; and it was

VOTED, to adopt the plan of the petitioners.

Mr. Stratton voted in the negative.

Jos. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 13, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meetings of March 31 and April 9 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Cricket Club for a renewal of privileges at Franklin Field; and it was

VOTED, that the Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent, to use the cricket crease at Franklin Field, during the season of 1908, and to use such of the lockers in the new locker building as he may assign for the use of the club, under such regulations regarding their use as he may establish.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Alderman Parker, suggesting that bleachers should be provided at Marcella-street Playground, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the School Committee relative to their taking charge of playgrounds, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the claim of Mary A. Earley for damage to clothing from oil; and the Secretary was directed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board to construct about 200 feet of the Metropolitan sewer in Perkins street in an open cut instead of by tunnel; and it was

VOTED, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation;

and the Secretary was instructed to issue a permit to said Board to do the work.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that the St. Joseph's Athletic Association be given the same location for its floating boathouse at Charlesbank this season as last year; and the Secretary was instructed to notify Rev. P. J. Walsh that the Board grants his request.

The Superintendent submitted a report requesting authority to draw on the Civil Service for two machinists, which was referred to the Chairman to make request to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting that permanent benches be placed on Cottage-street Playground, and that additional bleachers and a drinking fountain be provided at First-street Playground, which were laid over.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting that a convenience station be established at Columbus-avenue Play-

ground, regarding the cost of erecting a handball court at Mystic Playground, that shower-baths be installed at Billings Field, and regarding information as to when the open-air gymnasium at Charlestown Playground may be expected to be completed, which were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting the Board to put Randolph-street Playground in proper condition for the baseball season, also that the baseball diamond in North Brighton Playground be put in proper condition for immediate use; and the matters were placed on file.

A communication was received from the Mayor in reply to a communication from the Chairman in regard to securing filling for Savin Hill Beach from the grading of Old Colony Road; and the matter was placed on file, the City Engineer having reported that there would be no surplus filling.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the analysis of the Marine Park pond water, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from Timothy J. Sullivan, in regard to the completion of work at the pier head, Marine Park, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from F. P. Speare, requesting certain privileges at Franklin Park in connection with the Evening Institute of the Boston Young Men's Christian Association; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for further consideration.

The Chairman was authorized to request the appointment of Peter Barker and J. J. Downey as special police officers.

A communication with reference to the International Road Congress to be held in Paris, October 11-18, 1908, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from F. B. Dunn, withdrawing application for approval of location for a summer theatre at Elmo street and Blue Hill avenue, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from H. W. Burr, relative to the appointment of a janitor for the Franklin Field building and a teacher at Neponset Playground, which was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the conduct of the Charlesbank Women's gymnasium, recommending that the services of Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Williams be retained, if they are willing to serve as individuals, as the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association had disbanded; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council

requesting information regarding discharges, suspensions, reinstatements and new employees since January 6, 1908, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter from the Civil Service Commission regarding the transfer of Lawrence J. Hackett to the Public Buildings Department; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the location of the carriage stand of Henry J.Green, which was laid over.

The Superintendent was authorized to rebuild such part of the Arboretum wall as may be convenient.

The Superintendent submitted a report and plan of proposed locker building for Cottage-street Playground, which was approved, and the Secretary was instructed to see the Auditor as to the appropriation's being available therefor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the cutting off of a portion of park property on Seaver street; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

Common Council orders in regard to establishing a playground in Ward 19, lighting North Brighton Playground, providing speed signs on Columbia Road, and grading, replacing bleachers, and providing backstops, etc., at Columbus-avenue Playground, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 23, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the United States Department of Agriculture, calling for names of those who will attend the International Road Congress to be held in Paris, and reports or communications to be submitted to the Congress; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent for further report.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Executive Circular No. 12, re-

garding municipal printing, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted reports on Executive Circular No. 11, referring to the law governing payrolls and bills for compensation of persons in the service of the city, also a report asking if time is to be allowed to a mechanic, who is a militiaman, while serving in Chelsea; and the Secretary was instructed to obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel thereon.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from the Mayor regarding needs of the department in the matter of permanent improvements to be provided by loans, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report, recommending the purchase of two Worthington steam pumps for emulsion plants; and the Superintendent was instructed to obtain bids for the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending an increase of salary for Miss Towne, Stenographer, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from H. R. Luther, regarding automobiles standing in Commonwealth avenue; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on balances standing to the credit of the playgrounds proposed to be taken by the School Committee, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on his conference with Dr. Harrington relative to the control of playgrounds by the School Committee; and the Superintendent was instructed to report regulations or conditions of the said control as provided in the act.

The Superintendent was instructed to arrange conditions under which work will be done by the Park Department employees on the playgrounds to be taken over by the School Committee.

The Superintendent submitted a report on oiling Morton, Canterbury, Forest Hills, and Seaver streets; and the Superintendent was instructed to confer with the Superintendent of Streets as to doing the work.

The Superintendent submitted a report on plans and estimate for a grandstand at Franklin Field; and the Secretary was instructed to ask the Corporation Counsel if the construction of the same can be charged to the appropriation for completion of the speedway.

The Superintendent submitted a report on increase of salary for C. E. Putnam, Engineer, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on request of park employees for a picnic holiday; and it was

VOTED, to allow a day for a picnic as requested. The Secretary was directed to ask the Corporation Counsel if pay can be allowed for said day.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the claim for injuries to Emile N. Winkler, which was received from the Mayor for report; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply .

The Superintendent submitted reports on orders of the Common Council in regard to grading Columbus-avenue Playground, replacing bleachers, providing backstops, also regarding the lighting of North Brighton Playground, and placing speed signs on Columbia Road, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council requesting the Board to put in proper condition the gymnasium and apparatus at Wood Island Park, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the purchase of two Douglas triplex pumps for gypsy moth extermination; and the Superintendent was instructed to see if a lower price can be secured.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposals for crushed stone; and the Secretary was instructed to return checks to those bidders referred to by the Superintendent.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 4, 1906

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 11.15 A. M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board reorganized by electing a chairman and a secretary for the ensuing year. The question on the election of a chairman being put by the secretary, Mr. Prendergast voted for Mr. Stratton, Mr. Coakley voted for Mr. Stratton, Mr. Stratton voted for Mr. Stratton.

The question on the election of a secretary being put, Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, severally, voted for George F. Clarke.

VOTED, that the chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills, and to sign contracts on behalf of the Board.

VOTED, that Mr. Prendergast be chairman pro tem., and be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the chairman.

VOTED, that in the absence of the chairman and the chairman pro tem.,

Mr. Coakley act as chairman pro tem , and be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the following orders of the Common Council, which were severally placed on file: order authorizing the board to install electric lights at Charlestown Heights shelter; order authorizing the board to construct a drinking fountain at Charlestown Playground, the expense of the same to be charged to the special appropriation for this playground; also orders requesting the board to erect bleachers on Charlestown Playground; replace the bleachers on the Columbus-avenue Playground; erect a drinking fountain on the Riverway near Berners street; put Neponset Playground in good condition; cause the gymnastic apparatus at First-street Playground to be placed in position; and to place a mariner's light at the end of the pier at Marine Park.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Executive Circular No. 13, relative to payroll blanks, etc., which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the discharge of John F. Fully; and the Secretary was instructed to notify him that he will be discharged for the interests of the service.

The Superintendent submitted a report on applications for botanical permits, recommending that botanical specimens be furnished by the department only on requisitions from the schoolmasters; and the Superintendent's recommendation was adopted.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Miss Dickerson for loam for children's gardens; and the Secretary was instructed to reply that the Board regrets that it is unable to give the loam needed.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of S. R. Dunham for a crosswalk from Commonwealth avenue car tracks to Allston Golf Club; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted proposals for two Douglas triplex pumps, with report recommending acceptance of the proposal of Stephen B. Church; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase two Douglas triplex pumps from Stephen B. Church.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council, requesting an estimate of the cost of sundry improvements at North Brighton Playground, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Hugh McGrath for leave of absence to fill an engagement at Brown University; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of J. J. Smith for leave of absence to fill a position as coach at Tuft's College; and the Superintendent was instructed not to grant the request.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel stating his opinion on the recent act requiring payrolls to be submitted to the Civil Service Commissioners for certification, which was placed on file.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel stating his opinion in regard to the erection of a grandstand at Franklin Field from the appropriation for completion of speedway, which was placed on file.

A communication from the East Boston Cricket Club for renewal of permit to play cricket at Wood Island Park was received; and it was

VOTED, that the East Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the superintendent of parks, to use the grounds provided for cricket at Wood Island Park, during the season of 1908.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting information regarding the subletting of a part of the Head House, during the summer of 1907; and the report and order were placed on file.

An order of the Common Council, requesting information regarding the award of the concession at the Head House, was received; and the Secretary was instructed to send the information desired to the Mayor.

VOTED, that the request of H. J. Green for a change of the location of his carriage stand from the southwest to the southeast corner of Commonwealth avenue and Charlesgate East be granted.

The Board prescribed the following regulations or conditions relative to the control of playgrounds by the School Committee, as provided in section 2 of chapter 295 of the acts of 1907:

1. The School Committee shall assume entire responsibility of the playgrounds selected by them, for the entire year, for the conduct of the play, athletic exercises, or any form of amusement, and for the maintenance in good condition of the grounds, buildings, fences, apparatus, and other property of this department that the playgrounds may contain when their control is transferred to the School Committee.

2. A representative of each department shall be appointed to make an inventory and valuation of the property of this department in said playgrounds. In case of the relinquishment to the Park Department by the School Committee of any or all of the playgrounds, the playground and its equipment shall be restored by the School Committee to the Park Department in the same condition as when received by the Committee or as authorized by the Board of Commissioners of the Park Department.

3. No new construction nor alteration in the grounds, buildings or other equipment of the playgrounds taken shall be made without the written approval of the Board of Commissioners of the Park Department.

4. The Board of Commissioners of the Park Department will hold the balances of the maintenance appropriations available for said playgrounds subject to the requisition of the School Committee, all work to be done by the employees of the Park Department.

5. The School Committee shall retain all instructors and other employees of the Park Department now employed at said playgrounds so long as they give efficient service.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the plans for three buildings to be erected at 60, 64 and 68 Seaver street; and it was

VOTED, that the Secretary issue a permit to A. Varnerin to erect the buildings in accordance with the plans submitted.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JUNE 8, 1908

The following proposals for locker building and shelter at Cottage-street Playground were received, opened and read at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M., Mr. Prendergast and a representative from the Mayor's office being present:

L. K. Marston,	$4,702.00
John McGaw & Sons,	4,980.00
Holmes Brothers Building Company,	4,985.00
George E. Tufts and Company,	5,069.00
Hapgood & Frost,	5,123.00
Antony Varnerin,	5,195.00
William Crane,	5,576.00
Charles H. Belledue,	6,515.00
J. Caddigan & Son,	7,270.00
Frank L. Whitcomb,	7,750.00

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, JULY 29, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting the removal of an elm tree from Marcella-street Playground; and the Superintendent was instructed to remove the tree.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Board of Aldermen, requesting the Board to complete the gymnastic apparatus and shower baths at Marcella-street Playground, to construct a cinder path across Forest Hills Playground, to relocate the bridge at Forest Hills Playground, and that Cottage-street Playground be sodded for aball field, which were referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting that the portion of Franklin Park on Walnut avenue , opposite the Home for Aged Couples, be put in condition, which was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Salim N.Ayoub and George David for permission for a stand at the corner of O street and East Sixth street; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Dean Clarke to be permitted to sell within the park copies of his poem on the Franklin Park spring; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted the correspondence with the Harvard Improvement Asscciation regarding the improvement of the path to the Abbotswood spring; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communications from J. Frank Hayward and others regarding the governing of the public landing at Marine Park; and it was

VOTED, that the regulations for public landings adopted by the Board August 31, 1903, be amended by striking out the words, "or supplies by rowboat between 10 A. M.and 11 P. M., or by small steamer, launch or rowboat between 11 P. M. and 10 A. M.," and by substituting the words,-by power boat not exceeding 25 feet in length or by rowboat, or to receive or discharge merchandise between 7 P. M. and 11 A. M.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter from Leonard Ware regarding the boat service at Marine Park; and the matter was referred to

Mr. Coakley to confer with Mr. Gethro in regard to improving conditions there.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Mayor's circular in regard to the amount of money needed to carry departments through the fiscal year; and a reply was sent to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting that arrangements be made at Savin Hill Beach for the use of the shower-baths for baseball players; that the locker building on North Brighton Playground be opened for public use, also to cause the trees on North Brighton Playground to be sprayed, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting that Castle Island be lighted at night; and the Secretary was instructed to request the Lamp Department to light the Island provided it can be done without expense to this department.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the damage done in the Fens by persons searching for the key advertised by a newspaper, which was placed on file, the information having already been given to the police.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the letter from the secretary of the Finance Commission in relation to the question of the park department's taking over the management of municipal summer concerts, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of James E.Bean and Miss Perry for vacations, and a list of employees to be placed on an annual basis; and the Secretary was instructed to ask the Corporation Counsel for his opinion on the Board's taking such action.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Roger F. Sturgis, in regard to making preparations to carry out the vote of the Board in reference to tree planting on Commonwealth avenue; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from James H. Stark relative to taking land for a park at Savin Hill was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Patrick McKenzie, enclosing complimentary tickets to the park employees' picnic, was received and placed on file.

Orders of the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board to make necessary land takings for a playground in Ward 17, also to erect seats for spectators at Franklin Field Speedway, were received and placed on file.

A communication was received from I. E. Williams & Company, asking the price of the lot at the corner of Seaver street and Walnut avenue; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from the Sprague-Nugent Company requesting permission to use the sidewalk of Commonwealth avenue near Cottage Farm, for painting a signboard, was received; and the Secretary was instructed to reply, that the Board regrets that it is unable to grant the permission requested.

A communication from John P. Scott, Treasurer Knights of Pythias, in regard to selling privileges to supply the members of the camp with necessary articles, including souvenirs and official badges, also sundry requests for similar privileges, were received: and it was

VOTED, to grant no permits for the sale of anything on Franklin Field during the encampment of the Knights of Pythias.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to compel the lessees of the Head House and Public Landing to live up to their contracts, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Edward L. Foley, Administrator of the Estate of William Foley, the amount due him on the payrolls of this department.

VOTED, that the carriage privilege heretofore granted to the George S. Tarbell Company, in Franklin Park, be extended for one year on the same conditions as before.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, AUGUST 5, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting the Board to account to the School Board for expenses in installing gymnastic apparatus at Charlestown Playground, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of the water in the pond at Marine Park; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Falvey.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board for permission to lay a pipe across Riverway near

Longwood Bridge; and it was

VOTED, to issue a permit therefor, under such conditions as the Superintendent may deem necessary.

The Superintendent submitteda report on the proposition to take land at Savin Hill for a public park; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

An order of the Common Council relative to the supervision of Marine and other parks was received and placed on file.

A communication from Corporation Counsel Babson relative to vacations for employees was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the salary of Charles E. Putnam, Engineer, be fixed at $2500 per annum, to take effect on the fifth day of August 1908.

VOTED, that the salary of Bessie I. Towne, Stenographer, be increased from $12.00 per week to $785.00 per annum.

VOTED, that the following employees of the Park Department be employed on an annual basis at their present rate of compensation:

Charles E. Houghton	Transitman
James E. Bean	Foreman
Arthur E. Ogden	Clerk
George W. H. Timson	Clerk
Charles A. Hogan	Clerk
Emma W. Bumstead	Stenographer
Bessie I. Towne	Stenographer
Josephine D. Perry	Librarian

The Superintendent submitted the Engineer's report on plans for a building to be erected on Seaver street by Antony Varnerin; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Secretary to issue a permit to erect the building in accordance with the plans.

The Superintendent submitted the Engineer's report on the plans of the proposed Avenue Hotel Building; and the Secretary was instructed to return the plans to the architect, with the request that he confer with Mr. Putnam in regard to the height of the roof-house.

Edw. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 15, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the arrangement with Mr. Shea relative to the use of two horses and a carriage, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of H. C. McGrath for leave of absence; and it was

VOTED, to grant the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a request from the Director of School Hygiene for the use of the Fens' playground, during certain hours, for High School of Commerce; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Andrew Houghton f a position for Mrs. T. M. Houghton at Cottage-street Playground, which was pla on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report and plans for a grandstand at Frank Field. The plan was approved and the Superintendent was authorized to proceed with its construction.

The Superintendent submitted a report on plans for an extension of Simmons College building, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the unexpended balance for a she ter at the end of the pier at Marine Park, which was referred to the Superinte dent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposed transfer of the une pended balance for Randolph-street Playground to be used for finishing the Fra lin Field locker building, which was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a financial statement with report regarding tailment of expenditures, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from James H. Knight, in regard to stocking Jamaica Pond with fish; and the Secretary was in structed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted areport on the communication from Stephen C. Northup to the Mayor, in regard to Theodore Oakhem, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of E. W. Knight for illuminated sign at Hotel Vendome, which was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for winter uniforms; an it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bids.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of Barnard Nathan,

regard to his being refused a towel at Charlesbank Gymnasium, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on his conference with Dr.Harrington and Mr. Brook, relative to playground management, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of T. W. Byrne on incivility of the greenkeeper at Franklin Park; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication was received from Mrs. Timothy Devine relative to putting her husband on full-time instead of two-thirds time; and the Secretary was instructed to consult the Corporation Counsel in regard to the law.

A communication from the Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange, in regard to the condition of the roadbed of Commonwealth avenue, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A notice was sent to the Puritan Canoe Club and the Columbia and Mosquito Fleet yacht clubs, stating that the Board will take possession on October 15, unless their leases are renewed before that date.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Dr. J.J. Minot, relative to a school for tuberculous children in the Refectory, Franklin Park. A hearing was given in the matter, at which Dr. Minot, Miss Isabel F. Hyams, Mr. Horatio A. Lamb, Mr. George S. Mumford, Dr. Arthut K. Stone and Walter E. Kruesi appeared.

Dr. Minot stated that they represented a committee of the Tuberculosis Association, which is maintaining an out-door school for tuberculous children in a shed on the site of the Robert Brigham Hospital on Parker Hill. He said, we opened the camp July 16. The children and the parents want us to stay there; but, as the work on the hospital is about to begin, we are obliged to give up the school, unless we can secure another location. We would like to use a part of the Refectory Building in Franklin Park, somewhat similarly to the Emergency Association's care of Charlesbank. The School Committee would like to see the thing tried, and express their willingness to co-operate and to supply a teacher. It would be a great advantage to put affected children now in school in a special school if we can find a place where it can be done. It is proposed to take the most needy cases selected by the Consumptive's Hospital Department for day treatment in the open air. It has been tried in Providence and also in Berlin, In Berlin all the children affected are sent to the forest school, except in stormy weather, when they are under shelter. If the consent of the Board is given we propose to make use of the room adjoining the staircase, the kitchen below and the room

above opening onto the roof, which also can be used for an out-door playground We propose to give the children three meals a day, as we want to be sure they get a sufficiency of the right kind of food. The thirty-three children we had this summer gained in weight and improved in vitality. They are positive but not contageous cases, children who are behind hand in their studies, and have had conditions to content with in their homes. The vitiated air of the schools is not conducive to study.

Mr. Lamb, the auditor of the Association, stated that they received aid from everywhere, subscriptions came from all classes of society, and that all societies would be glad to have this one aided.

Mr. Kruesi, the secretary of the Association, also spoke on some phases of the work, mainly corroborative of what Dr. Minot had stated, and the hearing was then closed.

Mr. John H. Colby came before the Board in reference to George H.Denny's proposition to establish a moving-picture show in the building belonging to the Haynes estate on Sixth street near Marine Park. Mr. Colby stated that it was not to be vaudeville and no Sunday entertainment was contemplated. He had applied to the Mayor, and wished to know whether objection would be made to it by the Park Commissioners. It would be a harmless show with no objectionable features. Quite a large number of people favor it, one clergyman favored it and one objected. Subsequently the Board referred the matter to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent submitted a further report from Engineer Putnam on the height of tower necessary for the elevators on the Avenue Trust Hotel; and it was

VOTED, to approve the elevations above seventy feet in height, shown on the plans of the hotel to be erected on Commonwealth avenue by the Avenue Trust, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plans.

Sec'y

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 29, 1908.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of Richard J. Lane relative to the management of the tennis courts at Franklin Park, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the financial condition of the department and the necessity of putting the men on half-time; and it was

VOTED, to place on half-time all laborers employed by the department, and such mechanics and other men as can be spared.

VOTED, to dispense with the services of Hugh C. McGrath, instructor at Charlesbank Men's Gymnasium, after October 15, 1908.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the incompetency of James J. Monahan, blacksmith; and the Secretary was instructed to send him a notice that the board will suspend him for lack of work.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr. Colby's communication regarding George H. Denny's application for a moving-picture show on East Sixth street, South Boston, which was placed on file.

A request was received from Jeremiah Cronin for a hearing on his notice of suspension; and the Secretary was instructed to notify him to appear at the next meeting.

Executive Circulars Nos. 17 and 18, regarding participation of city employees in political canvasses, and the marking of all city property, were received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted Engineer Putnam's report on the communication from A. D. Hill, relative to access to houses on the Charles River Embankment, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

Geo. F. McClarke
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 15, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the request of Mr. Harris Rosenthal, for permission to care for the dump on the Strandway for what he may be able to recover from the material dumped there, be granted for

for a period of three months; and it was

VOTED, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Mitchell Freiman of the West End House, for the use of the Men's Gymnasium at Charlesbank, on Thanksgiving Day; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from L.H.Daloz relative to safety devices on automobiles; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Mrs. Bowman relative to the death of her husband by drowning in the Fens and to her financial circumstances, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of E. J. Tomlin for renewal of his refreshment privilege at L-street, Strandway, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that Miss Loftus, Instructor at the Charlesbank Women's Gymnasium, be allowed an annual vacation; and it was

VOTED, that Ann I. Loftus be employed on an annual basis at her present rate of compensation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Walter E. Kruesi regarding permission to establish a school for tuberculous children on Franklin Park near Canterbury street, and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Schoolhouse Department, requesting immediate attention to the grounds in front of the Normal Group of school buildings; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an order of the Common Council, requesting the board to cause plans, specifications and estimates to be made for the improvement of Rogers Park, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the claim of James Scannell for compensation for injuries received in the service of the department, recommending a settlement of the claim for the sum of $80.62; and it was

VOTED, to approve the proposed settlement as recommended by the superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from A. W. Belden, relative to supplying parties with water at the spring in Franklin

Park, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the South Boston Yacht Club to place cleaning blocks in front of the sea wall at their clubhouse; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the South Boston Yacht Club to place a set of blocks on the beach at the foot of the sea wall in front of their clubhouse, in accordance with the plan submitted, provided the blocks are so located that the yachts resting on them will not project over the side lines of the club's lot.

VOTED, to extend the lease of the Puritan Canoe Club for five years from January 1, 1908, subject to the payment of rent at the rate of thirty dollars per annum for the first three years and fifty dollars per annum for the last two years.

VOTED, to extend the lease of the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club for five years from January 1, 1908, subject to the payment of rent at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum for the first three years, and one hundred dollare per annum for the last two years.

VOTED, to extend the lease of the ColumbiaYacht Club for five years from January 1, 1908, subject to the payment of rent at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum for the first three years, and one hundred and fifty dollars per annum for the last two years.

A communication was received from the Armstrong Express Transfer Company, in regard to allowing their automobile transfer wagons to traverse the parkways in transporting passengers about the city; and the matter was referred to the superintendent for report.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 22, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a handsome medal awarded by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society to this department, for an exhibit of berried shrubs and trees.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of the Board of Health of the condition of several playgrounds, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent's report on the request of the Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis, for the use of park ground for a school for tuberculous children was taken up, and the Secretary was instructed to reply that the Board regrets that it is unable to grant the request.

A communication was received from E. J. Leary, City Messenger, for permission to erect a stand and seats in Commonwealth avenue, on the occasion of the dedication of the Collins Memorial; and it was

VOTED, to grant permission to erect the seats as requested, the location to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Board gave a hearing to Jeremiah Cronin on notice of suspension for conduct detrimental to the interests of the department. Subsequently the Board

VOTED, to reinstate him.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 10, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from John D. Hardy, relative to the readjustment of the sidewalk line on Commonwealth avenue south driveway, between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate East; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Board relative to the control of playgrounds by the School Committee prescribes the following regulations or conditions of the said control as provided in Section 2 of Chapter 295 of the Acts of 1907:

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, relative to dumping snow on Charlestown and Strandway playgrounds and the erection of a snow fence on North Brighton Playground, recommending that leave be granted on the usual conditions;and it was

VOTED, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Mayor in regard to putting the men on three-fourths time, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Schoolhouse Department, relative to grading the ground in front of the Normal Group of school buildings, which was placed on file, the communication having been replied to.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the terms on which grounds at M. N. Eighth and Ninth streets, South Boston, can be leased, as requested in the order of the Board of Aldermen; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a list of plants, which he recommended be purchased from Barbier & Company; and the Superintendent was authorized to purchase the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition of the School Committee for the use of park playgrounds for 1909. The Superintendent's report was approved and the Board prescribed the following:

1. The School Committee shall have the use and control of such children's corners in the park playgrounds as may be suitable for its purpose under the said act. The School Committee may establish additional children's corners in other park playgrounds, as may be mutually agreed upon between the Board of Commissioners of the Park Department and the School Committee.

2. All children's corners so taken and all additional corners established under this agreement shall be eqipped and maintained by the School Committee, said maintenance work to be done by the Park Department's employees, under the direction of the School Committee, and the cost charged to the School Committee. Such maintenance shall be of such a character as to keep in good condition the grounds and property of the Park Department turned over for the use of the School Committee.

3. A representative of each department shall be appointed to make an in-

ventory and valuation of the property of the Park Department in said parts of the playgrounds. In case of the relinquishment to the Park Department by the School Committee of any or all of the playgrounds, each playground and its equipment shall be restored by the School Committee to the Park Department in the same condition as when received by the Committee or as authorized by the Board of Commissioners of the Park Department.

4. The School Committee shall also have the use of the Park Department playgrounds and out-door gymnasiums as provided for in the said act, as may be mutually agreed upon between the Board of Commissioners of the Park Department and the School Committee, between the close of school sessions and 5.30 P.M. daily (Sundays and Saturdays excepted); on Saturday forenoon from April 1 to July 1 and from September 1 to Thanksgiving Day; and at such other periods as may be mutually agreed upon between the Board of Commissioners of the Park Department and the School Committee.

5. No new construction nor alteration in the grounds, buildings or other equipment of the playgrounds taken shall be made without the written approval of the Board of Commissioners of the Park Department.

The Superintendent submitted a reporton the request of Thomas J. Murphy, gardener, for full time and additional pay; and the matter of allowing full time was referred to the Superintendent with full power.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the spplication of Jane Lynch for the position of matron at the Cottage-street Playground; and the matter of appointment was referred to the Superintendent with instructions.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to occupy Commonwealth avenue west side, from Arlington street to Dartmouth street, November 11, between the hours of 7.30 and 8.30 P.M.; and it was

VOTED, to approve the granting of a permit.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the correspondence relative to the removal of the house of the Misses Palmer to their lot at the corner of Riverway and Park street, and the extension of the wall on said estate; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from the Commodore of the Columbia Yacht Club to the Mayor, relative to the terms of the new lease to the Club of the land on the

Strandway, was received and referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor.

Messrs. Sylvester Baxter and Myer Bloomfield came before the Board relative to matters affecting the parks; and the Chairman, for the Board, requested them to put their representations in writing.

A communication from Walter D. Loring, Clerk of the Harvard Improvement Association, extending the thanks of the Association to the Board for the improvements made in the vicinity of the Abbotswood spring, was received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 19, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairmn's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report of progress in making up the maintenance estimates, also estimates of the cost of installing a pumping plant, to maintain a circulation in the Fens' pond, also reports on orders of the Common Council requesting the removal of the boundary wall and the construction of an iron fence at Christopher Gibson Playground, also the completion of the building and appropriation for instructor at North Brighton Playground, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of C. H. Greenleaf and Company for an illuminated sign at Hotel Vendome; and the Secretary was instructed to notify them that the Board sees no objection to the display of a sign such as they describe.

A communication from the Commodore of the Columbis Yacht Club, regarding the untidy condition of their grounds andpromising to correct it, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Tilton S. Bell, Schoolhouse Commissioner, relative to paths and grades at the Normal and Latin School Group of buildings was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Mrs. A. M. Jacobs, referred by the Mayor, relative to hiring or buying land at Mt. Ida for park purposes, was received and placed on file.

A communication from John D. Hardy, relative to change in the lines of the sidewalk on Commonwealth avenue near Massachusetts avenue, was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from the Mayor, relative to the taking of the Worthington property for a park at Savin Hill; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

A communication was received from Walter D. Loring, Clerk of the Harvard Improvement Association, transmitting a resolution passed by the Association favoring the transfer of the Franklin Park Refectory to the Schoolhouse Commission for a school for tuberculous children, which was placed onfile.

A communication from Nelson Curtis, relative to oiling roads and the necessity of covering them during frosty weather with gravel, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from Joseph Balch, inquiring if the restrictions on land fronting on the parkways would prevent the erection of apartment houses arranged forsmall suites of one, two or three rooms, bath and kitchenette each, was received and referred to the superintendent for report.

J. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 3, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Dr. Mitchell, regarding the painting of the flagstaff within Fort Independence and displaying a larger flag there, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that Charles Fottler be given the concession to sharpen skates, etc.,at Franklin Field, as heretofore; and it was

VOTED, that the concession heretofore granted to Charles Fottler for sharpening skates, and selling skates, skate straps, and refreshments, in a temporary building at Franklin Field, be extended for this season, upon the same terms and conditions as last year.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the G. W. Harvey Company, for permission to stretch a guy rope across Commonwealth avenue from a vacant lot, for four weeks, in constructing the Avenue Hotel; and the Superintendent was instructed to permit the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Mrs. Isabella P. Shaw, that provision be made for the children to play on the grass plots on Commonwealth avenue; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Mr.Balch's letter regarding park restrictions in the Fens; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication from L. W. Page, relative to a United States Department of Agriculture pamphlet on dust prevention on roads, and requesting the cooperation of this department, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Chairman Sturgis of the Schoolhouse Department,relative to regrading the ground at the Normal Group of School buildings, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to appoint Jane Lynch matron at Cottage-street Playground.

G. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 11, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of the Schoolhouse Commission, in regard to grading at the Normal School Group of buildings, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Miss L.V.Robinson for the use of a room in the Overlook for anaemic children, and the matter was referred to the superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the expenditures for the year ending January 31, 1907 as compared with the preceding year.

Executive Circular No. 21, regarding the public advertisement of all contracts or needed supplies of one thousand dollars or more in value, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Mayor relative to the submission of estimates of probable expenses and revenue, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Rev. George J. Patterson, relative to the employment of Thomas L. Owens at Randolph-street Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request for hiring Chandler's Pond, Brighton, for skating purposes was received; and it was

VOTED, to hirethe pond, at a cost not exceeding $150, provided that the department should be put to no expense in the care of the ice.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 23, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on moth suppression work, recommending that the men be put on two-thirds time, for this work; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the superintendent to put the men on two-thirds time, if money is available within the appropriation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from R. C. Sturgis, Chairman Schoolhouse Commission, relative to regrading the ground at the

Normal School Group of buildings, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council relative to a neighborhood playground for East Boston, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relative to the means which should be adopted for flushing the Fens' Basin, referred by the Mayor, was received and placed on file.

A communication from H. G. Patten, enclosing a statement of facts relative to the proposed park at Savin Hill, was received and placed on file.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the flooding of Columbus-avenue, North Brighton and Charlestown playgrounds for skating, were received and placed on file.

A vote of the Committee on Claims of the City Council to settle the claim of H. F. Farrington, for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the park department, was received from the Mayor and referred to the Chairman to the Chairman to report the facts to the Mayor.

VOTES of the Committee on Claims to settle damages to houses in South Boston caused by gases due to chemicals placed in Marine Park Pond, were received from the Mayor and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Mayor, enclosing a letter from James J.Storrow, Chairman of the School Committee, relative to the use of the Refectory Building, Franklin Park for tuberculous children, also a communication from Dr. Minot relative to the same, were received, and a hearing was given to Mr.Storrow, Dr. Scannell and Mr.Ellis of the school board. There were also present Dr. Harrington, Director of School Hygiene, Dr. J. J. Minot and others.

Mr. Storrow said that in asking for the use of the Refectory Building for the tuberculous children, he did so in pursuance of a vote of the School Committee, who had taken action after appointing a committee to assist them technically in arriving at a conclusion. The purpose in view was to find accommodation for the Parker Hill Class of some twenty children, for whom the School Committee, on September 22, appointed a teacher. Advised by their experts they find that it is improper to continue the class in the present location after the holidays, and, unless theycan obtain suitable accommodations, the class will have to be abandoned. This would leave nothing for those children to face but to return to the ordinary schools, and it would mean death for at least a majority of them: there is no alternative so bad as that one. Such spots and buildings as the School Committee have on their hands are not conveniently situated or suitable for the purpose. The Franklin Park building is by far the best place available, and, perhaps, this is putting it mildly.

Hefurther said that he would be very glad if the Board would ask the special committee appointed by the School Committee, who have advised the School Committee that there is no other suitable place, why the building should not be used. It is now used for a purpose not contemplated at the time the land was taken or theappropriation for the building was granted. This departure already taken makes it easier to determine whether it is better to save the lives of these children or to use the building as at present for a library. He also said that they would like to put the children in the building the day after New Year's day and keep them there until the end of the school year, and that, if anything would be gained by taking the children away, they would do so if a site can be found for a tent in the spring.

Dr. Minot stated that since his committee were here before they had found no place available that the Association could pay for. Vacant houses or vacant halls having water and sewerage were too expensive, as the Association cannot pay very much rent. The School Committee did not offer any fund for this purpose. The children cannot stay where they are, the tent alone is too cold and they need a building where they can dry their clothes in sudden storms, and where hot drinks (hot chocolate etc.) can be prepared. As to the condition of the children none are seriously ill, and all are trained not to cough and not to spit. They would require only the kitchen and two serving rooms in the refectory, the pergola and perhaps the roof. There is a separate door to these rooms and the library need not be disturbed. This thing has been done in foreign parks, and many affected people now go to the parks. Numbers go to the day camp at Mattapan in the street cars, sometimes as many as eighty per cent. of the passengers may be these people. The children are insipient cases and there is practically no risk.

Dr. Scannell of the School Committee said that the problem of what to do with these children was not theirs. It was brought to the attention of the School Committee when they were asked to supply a teacher. There is no school building available or proper to carry on experimental work on these lines at a minimum cost. If the Board grants this request it will do much to help the School Board to solve the problem as to what to do in these cases.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 31, 1908

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Superintendent of Streets with reference to connecting the surface drainage from Avenue Louis Pasteur with the Fens' pond, which was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on sundry claims for damages caused by chemicals put into the Marine Park pond, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report the facts to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on needed repairs to the Wood Island Park locker building, together with Mr. Putnam's estimate of the cost of removing the cupola and making the repairs; and the superintendent was authorized to remove the cupola and make the repairs referred to in the Engineer's estimate.

A communication from Mr. T. M. Clark was received from the Board of Health, calling attention to nuisances caused by flies and mosquitos in the neighborhood of the Fens; and the matter was referred to the superintendent.

A communication was received from James J. Storrow, Chairman of the School Committee, relative to housing tuberculous children in the Franklin Park refectory; and it was

VOTED, to grant the School Committee the use of certain unoccupied parts of the Franklin Park Refectory Building for the housing and instructing of tuberculous children, until May 1, 1909; theparts of the building to be occupied and other details to be arranged between the School Committee and this Board.

A communication from Messrs. Carret and Hay, relative to proposed plan for Savin Hill Park, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from James J. Storrow, Chairman of the School Committee, stating the action of the School Committee in regard to the control of playgrounds during the season of 1909, was received and placed on file.

The superintendent was authorized to kill a dangerous horse belonging to the department, which he reported as unsafe to such an extent as to make the killing necessary.

Geo. F. Leland
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 12, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Hotel Somerset Company for two taxicab stands on Commonwealth avenue; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a supplementary report on the examination of the houses at Marine Park by the park department painter; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that North Brighton Playground be lighted for skating, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen relative to the land at M, N, Eighth and Ninth streets, South Boston, for a playground, which was placed on file.

VOTED, that the pay of Patrick Donoghue, gardener, be increased from $2.25 to $3.00 per day, to take effect February 1, 1909.

A communication was received from Gordon Dexter relative to the development of his land on the corner of Ipswich street and Boylston Entrance; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

A communication from John H. Colby relative to the application of George H. Denny for a moving picture show in the vicinity of Marine Park was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from Dr. Thomas F. Harrington, Director of School Hygiene, in reply to the communication from the board of January 8, relative to fixing up the Refectory Building for the housing and instructing of tuberculous children, was received and placed on file.

Executive Circular No. 22, with reference to departmental expenditures, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, to appoint Helen J. L. Kennelly to the position of librarian at the Franklin Park Library, on an annual basis, at a salary of $8.00 per week.

A conference was held with James R. Carret, with reference to land for Savin Hill Park, also with Henry W. Kelly, with reference to land for Ward 17 playground.

Wm. F. Stratton
Secretary

BOSTON, JANUARY 19, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board gave a hearing at 4.30 P.M. on the application of James Monahan for a hearing on notice of suspension for lack of work, but he did not appear, and it was

VOTED, to suspend him for the reason stated.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 3, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting the flooding of North Bennet-street Playground and North End Park for skating, the placing of a voting booth on Strandway Playground for the use of skaters, also the laying out of a baseball diamond and the erection of bleachers at the Strandway Playground, which were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Mayor for a list of employees, with their length of service, etc., and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Mrs. Wells relative to the use of the Charlesbank Gymnasium and playroom by tuberculous children, during certain hours, and the Secretary was instructed to reply, that the Board does not approve of such use.

An order of the Common Council, requesting that an iron fence be erected on the water side of Charlestown Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Mrs. Anna O. Shaw approving of the erection of buildings adapted for business purposes on the land on the northerly side of Boylston Road, between Ipswich street and the Fens, also a communication from

Gordon Dexter requesting a decision on restrictions on his land which would allow it to be used for merchantile purposes, were received and referred to the Chairman.

A request of Ralph G. Stowell for a renewal of his boating privilege at Jamaica Pond was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent submitted the Engineer's report on the injury to Thomas Thornton by an explosion of dynamite, which was placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 12, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of R. G. Stowell for the renewal of his boating privilege at Jamaica Pond; and it was

VOTED, that, with the approval of the Mayor, Ralph G. Stowell be granted the privilege of maintaining and operating for hire a public boat service, and of selling light refreshments, including confectionery and fruit (except bananas, watermelons and unshelled peanuts), at the boat landing at Jamaica Pond, for the season of 1909; on condition that he pay to the city on or before July 1, the sum of fifty dollars for said privilege, furnish an equipment of boats and landing facilities equal to those furnished heretofore, keep his premises for the sale of refreshments clean and tidy, lock the gate and oars up at night and allow no one the use of the boats early in the morning unless an attendant is on duty: all of said service to be under the supervision of the police, and to be subject to revocation if the business is not carried on to the satisfaction of this board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of S.I.Hudgens for the renewal of his burro privilege at Marine and Franklin parks; and it was

VOTED, to permit S. I. Hudgens to keep burros for hire at Marine and Franklin parks, for this season, provided that the length of ride, the burros and their equipment are satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the American Association of Park Superintendents, relative to an exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition; and the Superintendent was authorized to prepare an exhibit of photographs at an expense not to exceed fifty dollars.

The Superintendent submitted reports on Common Council orders requesting an estimate of the cost of erecting a convenience station at Charlestown Playground, that proper lighting facilities be provided at Charlestown Playground for the convenience of skaters, and that a drinking fountain be placed at the M-street Playground, which were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report relative to clearing the ice at Randolph-street Playground for skating, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from the Mayor regarding the entering of the drainage from Avenue Louis Pasteur into the Fens' pond, which was referred to the Chairman.

Communications from James R. Carret relative to land at Savin Hill, withdrawing the offer of the Heirs of William Worthington, also from H. W. Kelly, Agent, offering land on Norfolk avenue, Ward 17, for aplayground, at forty cents a foot, were received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to Mrs. Mary Perry, the amount due Josephine D. Perry, deceased, on the payrolls of this department.

Attest: Edward Clarke
Secretary.

BOSTON, MARCH 3, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the suspension of Edward A. Murphy, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of purchasing elm trees for Avenue Louis Pasteur, and the Superintendent was authorized to purchase the same.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting an estimate of the cost of providing bleachers at M-street Play-

ground, that bleachers be erected at Mystic Playground, that screenings be placed on Farragut Road at Marine Park, and that an iron fence be erected on the water side of Charlestown Playground, were received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting that a drinking fountain be provided at Wood Island Park, and the report and order were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting an estimate of the cost of providing bleachers at Marcella-street Playground, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the condition of the paint on the houses at Marine Park, which were affected by the chemicals used at the pond; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the City Council order requesting a handball court and other facilities at Randolph-street Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids received for portable steam boilers, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to secure additional bids.

A communication from Joseph Lee relative to a proposed bill before the Legislature, repealing the law giving the School Committee 4 cents on the tax valuation for play and physical education, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Joseph Ba lch relative to his proposed bill to extend Huntington Entrance across the Fens, and other proposed legislation of a similar kind, was received and referred to the Chairman to confer with Mr. Balch.

VOTED, to advertise a notice in the usual form to owners of teams, for teaming in the park department for the coming year.

A communication from Alderman Ballantyne relative to Ward 17 Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

J. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 18, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 5 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting that sand gardens for children be provided at Marcella-street Playground, an estimate of the cost of constructing bleachers at Charlestown Playground, and that permanent seats be erected at Cottage-street Playground, which were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that the gymnasium building at Wood Island Park be repaired, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that the building at North Brighton Playground be kept open from 1 P. M. to 9 P.M., instead of from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of four dump wagons, and the Superintendent was instructed to secure proposals for the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of cutting down the mounds at Charlesbank, which was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of John H. Griffin for a news-stand at Westland Entrance of the Fens, or at Commonwealth avenue, and it was voted not to grant the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Rev. H. R. O'Donnell for the use of North Brighton Playground for a field day on June 17th, which was approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Robert W.Nason and others for removal of shrubbery on the parkway near Centre street; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of F. E. Willard Settlement for a donation of shrubs; and it was

VOTED, to approve the superintendent's recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on request of Arthur E. Ogden for an increase of salary, which was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of William H. Allen that he be rated as foreman, and the Superintendent was instructed to change his rating in accordance with the rules of the Civil Service Commission.

A petition was received from the Dorchester Woman's Club for the taking of a tract of land on the easterly side of Washington street, opposite Algonquin street, Dorchester, for park purposes, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 22, 1909

The following proposals were received and publicly opened and read at 64 Pemberton square, Mr. Stratton and a representative from the Mayor's office being present.

SCREENED GRAVEL

	Commonwealth avenue between Cottage Farm & Warren street.	Fens & Riverway between Agassiz Road & Huntington Av.
Thomas J. Shea Co.	$1.25 per cubic yard	$1.25 per cubic yard
George H. Noone	1.50 " " "	1.50 " " "
Thomas F. Minton		1.00 " " "
M. Doyle & Co.	1.22 " " "	1.22 " " "
J. J. Lane	1.00 " " "	

TRAP ROCK

William R. Richards	1.68 " ton	1.68 " ton
Mass.Broken Stone Co.	1.75 " "	1.75 " "

CRUSHED ROXBURY STONE

	Commonwealth avenue	Parkway to Franklin Park	Columbia Road to Marine Park
William R.Richards	1.39 per ton	1.39 per ton	1.70 per ton
George H. Noone	1.50 " "	1.50 " "	1.50 " "
J.C.Coleman &Sons Co.	1.35 " "	1.35 " "	1.50 " "
John F. Beatty	1.47 " "	1.47 " "	1.47 " "
Thomas F.Minton		1.25 " "	

FINE DEAD SAND

John Kelley	1.34 per cu.yd.	.94 " cu.yd.	1.49 " cu'yd.
Thomas J.Shea Co.	1.20 " "	1.00 " " (or $1.08 for whole system)	1.10 " "
George H. Noone	.85 " "	.85 " "	.85 " "
J.C.Coleman &Sons Co.	1.33 " "	1.33 " "	1.33 " "
J. J. Lane	1.00 " "		
Thomas F. Minton		1.00 " "	

The bids were taken under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 26, 1909

The following proposals for arsenate of lead were received and publicly opened and read at 64 Pemberton square, a representative from the Mayor's office being present:

Merrimac Chemical Company	$135.00 per ton
Grasselli Chemical Company	150.00 " "
Thomsen Chemical Company	153.80 " "

The bids were taken under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MARCH 26, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 70 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Stratton, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting that the Cottage-street Playground and the Wood Island Park ball grounds be sodded, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting the board to have lights placed on Charlestown Playground, and to place two wooden steps at the entrance to Forest Hills Playground, which were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from W. Dudley Cotton, Jr., in regard to bleachers at Marcella-street Playground, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from W. D. Sohier, suggesting the use of a hill on Commonwealth avenue for automobile demonstration, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted reports on orders of the Board of Aldermen requesting that a bandstand be erected at Wood Island Park, and requesting the Board to inform the Board of Aldermen what steps have been taken, if any, towards providing a memorial for Dr. Samuel G. Howe, in accordance with the order adopted by the Board of Aldermen on November 30, 1908, which were referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Mary E. Brown, received from the Mayor, in regard to the taking of land for a playground in Ward 17, was referred to the Chairman.

A communication from Mitchell Freiman,objecting to the saloon at the corner of Charles and Cambridge streets, was received and referred to the Chairman.

An application from E. J. Tomlin, for a renewal of his refreshment privilege at L street,was received and it was

VOTED, that the concession to Edward J. Tomlin, to occupy the pavilion on the Strandway at L street, to sell light refreshments therein, be extended for one year from date, at the rental of $100.00 per annum, and the further consideration that said Tomlin keeps the said premises neat and clean, and furnishes between May 1 and October 1 the labor necessary to pick up stray papers on the Strandway between K and M streets.

A communication from Joseph Wiggin, asking if the Board intended to place restrictions on land of Gordon Dexter, corner of Commonwealth avenue and Malvern street, was received and the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Wiggin that the Board had no authority to subject the land to any restrictions which would interfere with its use as proposed, but would regard it as a public advantage if the building were set back a suitable distance from the street line.

VOTED, to rescind the following vote of the Board of July 31, 1900: Voted, that, until further instructions by the Board, no trees be cut in the parks without the approval of Professor Charles S. Sargent.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 7, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Prendergats's office, 87 Milk street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the employment of fifteen additional men for gypsy moth work; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to employ fifteen men for temporary work.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the need of two automobiles; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent, with the assistance of Mr.Coakley, to select two automobiles for the use of the department.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the suspension of George H. Van Tassell; and the matter was laid over pending the receipt of an answer to his notice of suspension.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the City Council requesting that fourteen shower baths be placed and maintained in the locker building, Wood Island Park; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that a crosswalk be placed on Columbia Road at Annabel street, referred by the Superintendent of Streets; and the matter was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council in regard to fencing and grading Christopher Gibson Playground, placing seats at Franklin Field speedway, also shower baths and rafts at Savin Hill Playground; and the Secretary was instructed to report on the several matters to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the recommendation of the Committee on Claims for the payment of thirty-five dollars to Edith Liston, for personal injuries caused by a defect in the sidewalk of Columbia Road; and the Secretary was instructed to report to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Athletic Association, for permission for the runners in the Marathon race to go through Commonwealth avenue, from Beacon to Exeter street; and it was

VOTED, to grant the same, on condition of their providing sufficient police protection to protect the trees.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Columbia Yacht Club for permission to erect a small derrick on their grounds; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for plastering the office rooms at Franklin Park, and the lowest bid was accepted.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application from E. C. Mansfield, Postmaster, for permission to run an automobile mail collector on Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Beacon street; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

A request of Charles A. Bova for an extension of his lease, on condition that he make certain repairs to the Head House, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel in regard to betterments at Savin Hill was received and placed on file.

A request from the Boston School Committee for an extension of time for the use of the Refectory Building was received; and it was

VOTED, to extend the time for the use of the Refectory Building, Franklin Park, for open-air classes conducted by the School Committee, until the end of the school year.

Executive Circular, No. 24, relative to contracts, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Councilman Goodwin, calling attention to the need of a playground in Ward 1, was received and acknowledged.

The Superintendent submitted a report on patent dump wagons, and the Superintendent was instructed to purchase four dump wagons at a price not to exceed $120 each.

The Superintendent submitted a report on proposals for sand and gravel; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of George H. Noone for sand;

and the Secretary was instructed to see if John J. Lane would furnish gravel for Commonwealth avenue from Cottage Farm to Massachusetts avenue, at the price of his bid for Commonwealth avenue between Cottage Farm and Warren street.

A communication was received from H. W. Kelly, Agent, offering the Brown Estate in Ward 17 for a playground, for thirty-five cents per square foot.

A communication was received from Joseph L. Bergman offering the westerly portion of the parcel of land on Proctor and Langdon streets belonging to him, at fifty-five cents per square foot.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 16, 1909.

The following proposals for trap rock were received at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M., and publicly opened and read, a representative from the Mayor's office being present:

Brockton Trap Rock Company	$1.60 per ton
Massachusetts Broken Stone Company	1.78 " "
Hugh Nawn Contracting Company	1.80 " "

Jos. F. Leland
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 16, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the office of Robert S. Peabody, 53 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Prendergast, Coakley, and Peabody, Mr. Peabody having been appointed a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for the unexpired term of Charles E. Stratton, resigned. Mr. Prendergast presided. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting an estimate of the cost of finishing the work on the island at Marine Park Head; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that D-street (Commonwealth) Playground be levelled and put in condition , which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that bleachers be erected at Charlestown Playground, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from E. A. Rogers,asking the reason for the removal of shrubbery on the Fenway bridle path; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for summer uniforms; and it was

VOTED, to accept the bids in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for arsenate of lead,

and the matter was laid over. Subsequently the bids were rejected and the contract readvertised.

The Secretary reported that John J. Lane asked $1.33 per cubic yard for screened gravel delivered on Commonwealth avenue between Massachusetts avenue and Cottage Farm, whereas Thomas J. Shea Company is delivering gravel there for $1.10 per cubic yard; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of John J. Lane for furnishing screened gravel on Commonwealth avenue between Cottage Farm and Warren street at $1.00 per cubic yard.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to fixing the price for hired teams; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with the Chairman.

VOTED, to suspend George H. VanTassell for the reason stated in the notice previously sent to him.

Communications from the School Committee, acknowledging receipt of the vote of the board extending the time for the use of the Refectory Building for open-air classes, and from the Gardeners' and Florists' Union, New York, requesting a statement regarding the salary paid, hours of work, terms of hire, and qualifications required of gardeners in the employ of the city, were received and placed on file.

The communication from Councilman F. A. Goodwin, calling attention to the need of a playground between Moore street and Orient Heights, East Boston, previously acknowledged, was placed on file.

A communication from H. B. Hammond relative to automobile regulations on Commonwealth avenue, from Massachusetts avenue to the Newton line, was received, and the Secretary was instructed to reply that the Board is considering the matter.

On motion of Mr. Coakley the Board proceeded to organize by electing a chairman. The question being put by the Secretary, Mr. Prendergast voted for Mr. Peabody, Mr. Coakley voted for Mr. Peabody: Mr. Peabody did not vote.

Jos. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, APRIL 30, 1909

The following proposals for arsenate of lead were received at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M., Mr. Peabody, Chairman of the Board and a representative from the Mayor's office being present:

Merrimac Chemical Company	$135 per ton
Grasselli Chemical Company	150 " "
Vreeland Chemical Company	180 " "

Subsequently a proposal was received by mail from the Adler Color Chemical Works, at $167.50 per ton.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 3, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board reorganized by electing a chairman and a secretary for the ensuing year. The question on the election of a chairman being put by the Secretary, Mr. Prendergast voted for Mr. Peabody, Mr. Coakley voted for Mr. Peabody: Mr. Peabody did not vote.

The question on the election of a secretary being put, Messrs. Peabody, Prendergast and Coakley, severally, voted for George F. Clarke.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to approve drafts and bills, and to sign contracts on behalf of the board.

VOTED, that Mr. Prendergast be chairman pro tem.,and be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the Chairman.

VOTED, that in the absence of the chairman andthe chairman pro tem, Mr. Coakley act as chairman pro tem., and be authorized to approve drafts and bills.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an accident to GilmanJRaymond, an engineer in this department, recommending that he be allowed pay for the time he is incapacitated for work, probably for a week or ten days; and it was

VOTED, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation, provided the usual release for any claim for damages is given by him.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the claim of Edith Liston for

personal injuries, owing to defect in sidewalk on Columbia Road; and the Chairman approved the vote of the Committee on Claims to settle the claim for thirty-five dollars.

The Superintendent submitted reports on orders of the Common Council, requesting that Commonwealth and Cottage-street playgrounds be placed in suitable condition; and the reports and orders were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from the Civil Service Commission relative to the employment of men certified for gypsy moth work; and the Superintendent was instructed to reply or confer with Mr. Dudley with reference to the matter.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Miss Robinson for shrubs for the Hawthorne Club Playground, which was referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the purchase of two Worthington pumps for the spraying outfit; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Alderman W. Dudley Cotton, Jr.,and sundry petitions submitted by him for bleachers at Marcella-street Playground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Councilman Thomas J. Casey for information regarding the $4000 appropriation for M-street Playground, asking for the erection of a handball court, which was referred to the Chairman for reply..

Communications from Sylvester Baxter, Secretary of the Metropolitan Improvement League, in regard to conditions at Charlesbank and the substitution of tar surfacing as preferable to oil emulsion for the roads in the park system, which were placed on file.

A communication from the Licensing Board, relative to the granting of the liquor license at 369 Cambridge street, was received andplaced on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of C. A. Bova, for a five years' extension to his lease for the Head House, on condition of his making extensive repairs; and it was

VOTED, to instruct the Superintendent to require the carrying out of the conditions of the present lease.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Bath Trustees for the use of additional land at L-street, for an extension of the bathhouses, which was referred to the Chairman to confer with the Bath Trustees and report to the Board.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Music Trustees for permission to give summer concerts in the parks, and that arrangements be suggested regarding the form of programme to be used; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Music Trustees to give concerts in the parks, according to the schedule submitted, and that the Superintendent's suggestion regarding programmes be approved, and that the Music Trustees be so notified.

The Superintendent submitted a report relative to the division line between land of the O'Connell Estate and Ashmont Playground; and it was

VOTED, to recommend to the City Council the transfer of the small area of land, shown on the plan accompanying Mr. Putnam's report, to the O'Connell Estate.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the park employees for a day for holding a picnic without loss of pay; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on an order of the Common Council, requesting the Board to make arrangements for pleasure driving through Wood Island Park, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Gustav Martin, suggesting the acquirement of property adjoining Temple Israel on Commonwealth avenue, for park purposes, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent's recommendation in regard to fixing the pay of hired teams was approved; and it was

VOTED, to establish the pay of single teams at $3.00 per day of eight hours and of double teams at $5.00 per day of eight hours.

On petition of P. J. Walsh for a location for a floating boathouse at Charlesbank it was

VOTED, to grant the request of the St. Joseph's Athletic Association that it be given the same location for their floating bathhouse that they were given leave to temporarily occupy last year.

A request from Charles G. Carliss for a hearing on his suspension was received, and the Secretary was directed to notify him of a hearing on Monday next, at 4.30 P.M.

The Engineer's report on plans submitted by E. B. Stratton, Architect, of proposed sun-house and pergola on the roof of the Puritan Hotel on Commonwealth avenue, was referred to the Chairman.

VOTED, to permit the Boston Work-Horse Parade Association to use Commonwealth avenue, from the junction of Beacon street to a point half a mile west of Cottage Farm Bridge, for the formation of its parade, and the south side of the avenue to Massachusetts avenue for its procession, on Memorial

Day, May 31; also to construct a grandstand on Commonwealth avenue west of Brookline avenue, in the same position as formerly, said stand to be removed as soon as may be after the parade and the ground left in a condition satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks: the arrangements for the parade to be carried out under the direction of the police.

VOTED, to reject the proposals for arsenate of lead received April 30.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary.

BOSTON, MAY 10, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from Amy G. Grant, requesting that the committee in charge of the open-air class be permitted to set up a gas stove in the Overlook Building, Franklin Park, for cooking purposes, which was referred to the Superintendent for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of James P. Magenis, that St. Leo's Roman Catholic Parish of Dorchester be permitted to entertain, at a basket picnic in Franklin Park, on Monday, July 26, the Roman Catholic Sunday School children of Boston, to erect tents and other conveniences therefor, and have entertainments similar to those allowed at the Old Home Week picnics; and it was

VOTED, to permit St. Leo's Roman Catholic Parish of Dorchester to hold a basket picnic for the Roman Catholic Sunday School children of Boston,, on July 26, in Franklin Park; all the arrangements therefor to be under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on bids received for trap rock and crushed stone, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to report further to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on sites for a playground in Ward 17, which was referred to the Secretary to ascertain at what price land from estate of Henry W. Hubbard and Joseph L. Bergman can be secured.

The Superintendent submitted a report on sites for a playground in Ward

19; and the Secretary was instructed to ask the Corporation Counsel to define the limits within which the Board can use the appropriation.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the regulation of traffic on Commonwealth avenue extension; and it was

VOTED, that the general rules adopted by the Board August 31, 1903, as previously amended, be further amended by striking out in rule 4 after the words "Glen Lane" the word "and" and by inserting after the words "Bellevue street" the words,-and the north drive of Commonwealth avenue between Beacon street and Warren street, and between Wallingford Road and the Newton line; also by striking out in rule 5 after the words "Massachusetts avenue" the word "unless" and inserting in place thereof the words,- and between Beacon street and Brighton avenue, except; also by adding at the end of rule 5 the words,-and between Brighton avenue and Warren street, except upon the middle drive going east or the south drive going west.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Mitchell Freiman, Superintendent West End House, in regard to the management of the Charlesbank Gymnasium; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Mr. Putnam on the request of the Sewer Division for permission to construct the Vila-street district surface drain in the Fenway; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to issue a permit for the construction of the drain in accordance with the Engineer's report.

A communication from J. M. Manning, relative to the construction of a two-family house for Patrick T. and Mary E. Reardon, on the Arborway near Jamaica street, was received and referred to the Chairman with full power.

Acknowledgments from the Music Trustees and the Boston Work Horse Parade Association were received and placed on file.

A request was received from Rev. J. V. Tracy for the use of Rogers Park for a picnic on June 26 was received; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to make arrangements as in previous years.

A communication was received from the Mayor in reference to the extension of the bathing facilities at the L-street bath, recommending that the Bath Trustees be given the additional land they require. The Chairman reported that he had conferred with the Bath Trustees, and that negotiations were still in progress with reference to their plans for the extension of the bathhouses. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, that public interest demands that a view of the ocean and access to the beach should be maintained opposite K and M streets, as has always been intended.

VOTED, that the Bath Commission be requested to modify their plans in accordance with these views and submit them again to the Park Commission for their consideration.

A request was received from the Lincoln House Association to hold track and field sports at Wood Island Park on the morning of May 31; and it was

VOTED, to grant the Lincoln House Association permission to hold track and field sports at Wood Island Park on the morning of May 31, including the right to use the dressing-rooms and shower baths, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

Mr. Coakley submitted a request from Alderman Giblin, that a constituent of his be given a permit to sell light refreshments at Wood Island Park; and the Secretary was instructed to reply, that the Board has decided not to grant any privileges of this kind at Wood Island Park, except temporarily on July 4th.

VOTED, that the Superintendent have the life-preservers in the parks inspected and tested once a month, by some competent person, and a report made in writing.

A petition was received from Rev. J. V. Tracy and others, protesting against a grocer's license for the sale of intoxicating liquor being granted at 366 Washington street, Brighton, on account of its proximity to Rogers Park, and requesting the Board to take such action as the Board may deem the circumstances require. The matter was referred to the Chairman to write to the License Board objecting to the granting of the proposed license.

VOTED, that the salary of Arthur E. Ogden, clerk, be fixed at $1200 per annum, to take effect when approved by the Mayor.

A hearing was given to Charles G. Corliss on the notice of suspension. Mr. George Libby, counsel for Mr. Corliss, stated that Mr. Corliss for a number of years has been employed as blacksmith at the shops in Franklin Park, and that no fault was found with his work up to the time that Allen came there Mr. Corliss says that Mr. Allen refused to speak to him or have any dealings with him. This continued up to the time Mr. Allen told Mr. Corliss to go home, that he had been drinking or was drunk. Mr. Corliss says that a young man that came to look at the pigeons brought two pints of whiskey a week previous to the time that Mr. Allen told Corliss to go home. Mr. Corliss says that he had trouble with quincy or sore throat, that he had not been drinking that day and was able to work. Mr. Libby said that it would be a serious detriment to Mr. Corliss to be discharged, as it would go in the record against his employment in the Civil Service, that Mr. Corliss would not want the name of being discharged, and requested that he be reinstated.

Mr. Corliss stated that he was discharged on February 19, had not been drinking that day, had what the doctor called quincy sore throat, had been afflicted since the Monday previous, that Mr. Allen asked him if he was not pretty nearly all in. Mr. Corliss asked that the Board give him another trial. Said he was in condition to go back to work, but did not desire to go back again with the idea of working under Mr. Allen. He said he was a drinking man but did not drink to excess, and was not in the habit of drinking while on the work. He said he had liquor there brought in by other men but he never brought it there himself. He admitted that he had had liquor at the other shop but never at this one. Mr. Corliss offered to resign if the Board could not give him work somewhere else than under Mr. Allen. The Board, thereupon, accepted his resignation.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, MAY 25, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held atthe Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Board of Aldermen requesting a list of the parks under the control of the Park Commissioners which were inexistence January 12, 1887, said date being the day on which the late George F. Parkman made a codicil to his will in which the City of Boston was made his residuary legatee, also requesting that one hundred new settees be placed in Wood Island Park and a flagpole erected there; and the orders were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting an estimate of the cost of putting a wire netting fence around the ball field at Commonwealth Park; that theland taking for Ward 17 playground be of sufficient size to permit of six diamonds for baseball; requesting an estimate of the cost of providing a suitable walk from the Head House, Marine Park, to the fort bridge on the beach side, and of equipping Blackstone Square as a playground for children; that settees or benches be placed on the Savin Hill Playground; and requesting information as to when a bubble drinking

fountain will be installed on M-street Playground; and the orders were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that the bleachers on the Roslindale Playground be put in a proper and safe condition, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on theappointment of a matron at the Overlook Building, Franklin Park; and the Superintendent was instructed to appoint the substitute matron, Mrs. McLaughlin, to the position, and appoint Mrs. Catherine M. Houghton to the vacancy caused by the promotion of Mrs. McLaughlin.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the issuing of permits for the sale of refreshments at Wood Island Park, on July 5th; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to issue permits as in previous years, the number to be limited to five or six.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the use of apart of Wood Island Park for the State Meet, on June 19; and it was

VOTED, that the request be granted under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Alderman Thomas J. Giblin that the Music Commission be allowed to store their seats at Wood Island Park and that atemporary bandstand be built; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids received for automobiles, which was referred to the Chairman and Mr. Coakley.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a petition for the reappointmen of Hugh McGrath as instructor at Charlesbank Gymnasium, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the arrangements for the use of Franklin Park for a picnic by St. Leo's Roman Catholic Parish of Dorchester.

An order was received from the Common Council requesting information as to whether the Park Commissioners have delegated, in whole or in part, their authority and control over the city playgrounds to any other body or person, and whether children attendingthe public schools have rights in the city's playgrounds to the exclusion of children attending parochial or private schools; and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A communication was received from George Libby, attorney for Charles G.

Corliss, transmitting a bill for services claimed by Corliss as due him from the Park Department, which was placed on file.

A communication was received from Secretary James C. White relative to the drainage of Billings Field, which was referred to the Superintendent to look into the matter.

A communication was received from Joseph L. Bergman relative to the price of land for Ward 17 Playground, which was placed on file.

VOTED, that the contract for trap rock be awarded to the Brockton Trap Rock Company at its bid of $1.60 per ton.

VOTED, that the contract for arsenate of lead be awarded to the Merrimac Chemical Company at its bid of $135 per ton.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to advertise for loam for Commonwealth avenue.

The Chairman was instructed to write Alderman Hale, with regard to the appropriations for playgrounds in wards 7, 12 and 15, that the Board were never consulted in the matter.

A communication was received from Secretary White regarding a site for a gymnasium building on "Mc Nary" Park, which was referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication was received from John Daniels requesting permission for music at a wedding in the Arboretum, which was referred to the Chairman.

A communication was received from Councilman Thomas J. Casey requesting that the Board reconsider its decision relative to the construction of a hand-ball court at M-street Playground, which was placed on file.

A communication was received fromAlderman Cotton regarding improvements at Billings Field, which was referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication was received from the Bath Trustees relative to the taking over of the beach bathhouses by the Park Department, which was referredto the Superintendent for report.

The Superintendent submitted a report by the Engineer on the proposed taking by the Charles River Basin Commission at Charlesbank, with the Superintendent's approval thereto; and it was

VOTED, to approve the same.

The Secretary stated that he had oonsulted the Corporation Counsel as to the limits within which the appropriation for playground, Parker Hill, may be used, and that Mr. Babson said that the term "Parker Hill" is a general name for the locality and included the land in the vicinity of the hill.

A communication was received from H. W. Kelly submitting a proposition for land for a playground for Ward 19 and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke

BOSTON, MAY 29, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 10 A.M. Present Messrs. Peabody, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

A communication was received from James C. White, the Mayor's secretary, stating that he was directed by the Mayor to inquire whether the plans for the turning over from the Bath Department of all the beach baths meets with the approval of the Board, and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

A communication was received from the Boston School Committee transmitting a vote of the Trustees of the Consumptive's Hospital, requesting the use of the whole of the Refectory Building in Franklin Park, for outdoor classes; and it was

VOTED, to refuse the request and that the Chairman communicate the decision of the Board to the School Committee in writing.

The application of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for the erection of thirty-fourelectric lampposts on Commonwealth avenue, between Dartmouth street and Massachusetts avenue, was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the Edison Company with reference to securing a more desirable form of lamppost than the one now used.

A communication was received from the Art Commission stating that they has approved of the erection of various tablets, one of which is to be erected on the parkway at Edward Everett Square, and was referred to the Superintendent for report.

An order of the City Council transferring the sum of $10,000 from the appropriation for the Massachusetts avenue bridge to Mystic Playground, sanitary and shelter, and North Brighton Playground, extension of, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from Alderman Giblin, with reference to the erection of a bandstand and others matters at Wood Island Park, and from Alderman Hale, in answer to the letter from the Board with reference to the appropriations for playgrounds, were received and placed on file.

The Superintendent was authorized to purchase four Studebaker dump wagons, in accordance with his recommendation.

A communication from Henry W. Kelly, offering about 329,200 square feet of land, at the junction of Heath and Day streets, Ward 19, for a playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from R. Clipston Sturgis, Chairman of the Schoolhouse Commission, with reference to the grading of the plots of ground in front of the normal group of school buildings at Tremont Entrance, which

was referred to the Chairman with full power.

The Board estimated the expense of taking land for a playground in Ward 17 as follows:

Lucius A. Brown,	61,816 sq.ft.	$21,635.60
Mary E. Brown,	60,546 " "	21,191.10
Clifford R. Weld and Charles G. Smith & William A. Gaston, trustees,	36,278 " "	12,697.30
Robert Black	5,982 " "	3,100.00
Estate of Henry W. Hubbard, Charles W. Roberts nominal owner,	15,593 " "	5,457.55

and passed the following act:

In Board of Park Commissioners
May 29, 1909

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it, by chapter 28 of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and by any other authority hereto enabling, does hereby take in fee for a public playground the following described parcels of land situated in that part of Boston formerly Roxbury, namely:

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Lucius A. Brown, bounded and described as follows: southwesterly by Norfolk avenue 99 and 81/100 feet,northwesterly by Langdon street, so-called, 436 and 22/100 feet, northeasterly by other land of said Lucius A. Brown 80 feet, and southeasterly by land of the City of Boston and lands of Thomas G. Buckley and other persons by two lines 293 and 67/100 feet and 138 and 80/100 feet; containing 36,094 square feet, moreor less.

A parcel of land belonging to a person or persons unknown and being part of Langdon street, so-called, bounded southwesterly by Norfolk avenue 40 and 5/100 feet, northwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from Mary E. Brown 438 and 29/100 feet, northeasterly by another part of said Langdon street 40 feet, and southeasterly by land hereinbefore described as taken from Lucius A. Brown 436 and 22/100 feet; containing 17,490 square feet,more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Mary E. Brown, bounded southwesterly by Norfolk avenue 150 and 20/100 feet, northwesterly by B street, so-called,352 and 93/100 feet, northerly by land hereinafter described as taken from Charles W. Roberts, and by land of Joseph L. Bergman, Trustee, by three lines 39/100 feet, 158 and 44/100 feet and 8 and 19/100 feet, easterly by D street, so-called, 19 and 49/100 feet, and southeasterly by said Langdon street 438 and 29/100 feet;containing 60,546 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to a person or persons unknown, being part of said B street, so-called, bounded southwesterly by Norfolk avenue 30 and 4/100 feet, northwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from Lucius A Brown 342 and 79/100 feet, northeasterly and northerly by another part of said B street by two lines 17 and 48/100 feet and 20 and 94/100 feet, and southeasterly by said land hereinbefore described as taken from Mary E.Brown 352 and 93/100 feet; containing 10,268 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Lucius A. Brown, bounded southwesterly by Norfolk avenue by two lines 3 and 20/100 feet and 74 and 48/100 feet, northwesterly by land hereinafter described as taken from Clifford R. Weld and others by five lines 86 and 79/100 feet, 155 and 57/100 feet, 6 and 55/100 feet, 8 and 98/100 feet, and 20 and 92/100 feet, southwesterly again by said land described as taken from Clifford R. Weld and others 59 and 47/100 feet, northwesterly again by land hereinafter described as taken from Robert Black 94 and 76/100 feet, northeasterly by B street, so-called, 69 and 63/100 feet, and southeasterly by another part of said B street 342 and 79/100 feet; containing 25,722 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Clifford R. Weld two-thirds and Charles G. Smith and William A. Gaston, Trustees under the will of Samuel Weld, one-third, bounded southwesterly by Norfolk avenue by two lines 1 and 50/100 feet and 158 and 52/100 feet, northwesterly by Proctor street 319 and 36/100 feet, northeasterly by land hereinafter described astaken from Robert Black and land hereinbefore described as taken from Lucius A. Brown 120 and 96/100 feet, and southeasterly by said last-mentioned land by five lines 20 and 92/100 feet, 8 and 98/100 feet, 6 and 55/100 feet, 155 and 57/100 feet, and 86 and 79/100 feet; containing 36,278 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Robert Black, bounded northwesterly by Proctor street 100 and 72/100 feet, northeasterly by B street, so-called, 61 and 20/100 feet, southeasterly by land hereinbefore described as taken from Lucius A. Brown 94 and 76/100 feet, and southwesterly by land hereinbefore described as taken from Clifford R. Weld and others 61 and 49/100 feet; containing 5,982 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to a person or persons unknown, being part of B street, so-called, bounded northwesterly by Proctor street 30 feet,northeasterly by land hereinafter described as taken from Charles W. Roberts 153 and 79/100 feet, southeasterly by said last-mentioned land 11 and 21/100 feet, southerly by anotherpart of said B street 20 and 94/100 feet, and southwesterly by said part of B street and by said lands hereinbefore described as taken from Lucius A. Brown and Robert Black 148 and 31/100 feet; containing 4,605 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Charles W. Roberts, bounded northwesterly by Proctor street 100 feet, northeasterly by said land of Joseph L. Bergman, Trustee, 214 and 86/100 feet, southerly by land hereinbefore described as taken from Mary E. Brown by two lines 89 and 17/100 feet and 39/100 feet, and northwesterly and southwesterly by said B street 11 and 21/100 feet and 153 and 79/100 feet; containing 15,593 square feet, more or less.

All said land being shown on a plan dated May 29, 1909, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Boston, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Robert S. Peabody

James M. Prendergast

Daniel H. Coakley

The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 29, 1909, two parcels of land containing 36,094 square feet and 25,722 square feet, respectively, on Norfolk avenue, Roxbury, supposed to belong to Lucius A. Brown, were taken for a playground, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Lucius A. Brown the sum of twenty-one thousand six hundred thirty-five and 60/100 dollars, upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release of the same, including all rights of said Lucius A. Brown in those parts of Langdon and B streets, so-called, included in said taking, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses on account of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground Ward 17.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 29, 1909, one parcel of land containing 60,546 square feet, on Norfolk avenue, Roxbury, supposed to belong to Mary E. Brown, was taken for a playground, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Mary E. Brown the sum of twenty-one thousand one hundred ninety-one and 10/100 dollars, upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed or release of the same, including all rights of said Mary E. Brown in those parts of Langdon and B streets, so-called, included in said taking, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses on account of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground Ward 17.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 29, 1909, a parcel of land containing 5,982 square feet, on Proctor street, Roxbury, supposed to belong to Robert Black, was taken for a playground, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Robert Black the sum of thirty-one hundred dollars, upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release of the same, including all rights of said Robert Black in those parts of B street, so-called, included in said taking, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses on acount of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground Ward 17.

Wm. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JUNE 4, 1909

The following proposals for loam for Commonwealth avenue were received at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M., and publicly opened and read, a representative from the Mayor's office being present:

	Rate	Quantity
Thomas J. Shea Company	$1.10 per cu.yd.	500 cu.yds.
James Driscoll & Sons (500 lots)	1.10 " "	2000 "
John F. Beatty	1.10 " "	2000 "
William J. Barry	1.38 " "	8000 "
Daniel F. Sullivan	1.25 " "	500 "
A. & F. Eichorn	1.35 " "	8000 "
T. A. Monahan	2.19 " "	4000 "
T. A. Monahan	2.24 " "	8000 "

Thos. J. Lawrence
Acting Secy. pro tem.

BOSTON, JUNE 9, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 4.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

VOTED, that in the absence of the secretary, Charles G. Lawrence be secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last two meetings, May 25 and 29, were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report of operations for two weeks ending June 5, which was accepted.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the suspension of Patrick T. Gilligan and Bernard Rogan, which was approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council, requesting that two players' benches be constructed at each of the baseball diamonds in Wood Island Park, stating that the request would be complied with; and the report and order were placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of D. W. Waldron, for permission to hold a series of picnics in Franklin Park, for four days, beginning with July 27; and it was

VOTED, that the Managers of the Fresh Air Fund be authorized to hold a series of picnics for four days, beginning July 27, in Long Crouch Woods, Franklin Park, under the same conditions as heretofore.

The Superintendent submitted bids received for furnishing loam at Commonwealth avenue, as follows:

	Rate per cubic yard	Quantity per cubic yard
Thomas J. Shea Company	$1.10	500
James Driscoll & Sons	1.10 (500 yard lots)	2000
John F. Beatty	1.10	2000
Daniel F. Sullivan	1.25	500
A. & F. Eichorn	1.35	8000
William J. Barry	1.38	8000
T. A. Monahan	2.19	4000
T. A. Monahan	2.24	8000

On the Superintendent's recommendation it was

VOTED, to accept the bids of Thomas J. Shea for 500 cubic yards, at $1.10 per cubic yard, James J. Driscoll & Son for 2000 cubic yards, at $1.10 per cubic yard, and John F. Beatty for 2000 cubic yards at $1.10 per cubic yard.

The Superintendent submitted a request from Timothy Henry Sullivan to be allowed to transfer his carriage stand on the southeast corner of

Commonwealth and Massachusetts avenues, to his son Jeremiah Joseph Sullivan, recommending that the request be granted. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, that the request of Timothy Henry Sullivan to transfer his carriage stand, on the southeast corner of Commonwealth and Massachusetts avenues, to his son Jeremiah Joseph Sullivan be granted.

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to accept the titles of all lands taken for the playground Ward 17, May 29, 1909, subject to the taxes for the current year.

Communications were received from the City Clerk certifying the appointments of Robert S. Peabody as park commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1911, to take the place of Charles E. Stratton, resigned; and of Daniel H. Coakley as park commissioner for the term of three years from May 1, 1909, which were placed on file.

A communication was received from C. L. Edgar, President of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, relative to the design of lampposts on Commonwealth avenue, which was referred to the Chairman with full power.

The Superintendent submitted a petition from Gilman J. Raymond, for compensation for time lost on account of an accident while in the discharge of his duty, which was signed by the Chairman and forwarded to the Committee on Claims.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council, requesting that two electric lights be placed in the dark places at Marine Park, which was placed on file after an explanation by the superintendent.

An order was received from the City Council authorizing the transfer of ten thousand dollars from the appropriation for Massachusetts avenue bridge, for the following purposes:

Mystic Playground, Sanitary and Shelter	$5000.00
North Brighton Playground, extension of	5000.00

and it was

VOTED, that the superintendent be instructed to prepare plans for the same

A communication was received from Mrs. Grace E. Blanchard, asking for permission to use a portion of the Refectory Building in Franklin Park for a meeting of a woman's club; and the secretary was instructed to reply that her request could not be granted.

A communication was received from the President of the Boston Work-Horse Parade Association thanking the Board for the use of Commonwealth avenue and congratulating it on the fine appearance of the park department horses in the parade.

VOTED, that the Chairman confer with R. Clipston Sturgis in reference to

the grading in front of the Normal and Latin Group of School Buildings, with full power to act.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the transfer of the beach baths to the park department, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the order of the City Council relative to the erection of a flagpole at Wood Island Park, and on the order of the Board of Aldermen relative to the condition of Charlesbank Gymnasium, which were placed on file the Chairman having replied to the orders.

Chas. G. Lawrence,
Secretary pro tem.

BOSTON, JUNE 24, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the office of the Chairman, 53 State street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Superintendent submitted his weekly report of operations and employees, which was accepted.

The Superintendent submitted a request from John F. McKernan, that he be allowed the sum of $30.75 for loss of time and injuries incurred in the performance of his work; and it was

VOTED, to grant the same after submitting the claim to Captain Dyer and getting a release against further claims.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the discharge of J. Flanigan, which was approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the discharge of John J. Gately, which was referred back to him for action.

The Superintendent submitted a request from Jeremiah Good for permission to have a bonfire in Ward 17 Playground, on the morning of July 5th; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a request from J. G. Miller for permission to build a flight of steps giving access to his lot on Commonwealth avenue, whichwas referred back to the Superintendent to consult the Law Department.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the purchase of the Distillery lot, Ward 13, for a playground, which was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the value of Clifford R. Weld's

property, Ward 17 Playground, which was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on placing park restrictions on Commonwealth avenue beyond Beacon street, which was referred back to him.

Mr. Charles F. Day, City Conveyancer, appeared before the Board by request to explain the legal conditions of the proposed Savin Hill Park lands.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids received for fertilizer; and it was

VOTED, to accept the bid of Armour and Company for twenty-five tons.

VOTED, that the salary of Charles G. Lawrence, accountant and bookkeeper, be fixed at $2500 per annum, to take effect July 1, 1909.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from William D. Schier, requesting that the so-called hill climbing side of Commonwealth avenue hill be used as a testing place for automobiles, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication was received from Mitchell Freiman, transmitting a copy of the resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the West End Improvement Society, relative to the extension of the uses of Charlesbank and the devotion of a portion of the Parkman Fund to said purpose, which was placed on file.

A request was received from the United Improvement Association for information as to local inspectors of the park department, which was placed on file.

A circular was received from the Auditing Department relative to the filing of sealed bids with the City Auditor for all advertised contracts, which was placed on file.

A request was received from John P. Riley for permission to have a bonfire on Neponset Playground, July 5th, with the Superintendent's report thereon, which was granted in accordance thereto.

A communication was received from Councilman M. J. Brophy, requesting that the St. Anthony Society of East Boston be permitted to erect a bandstand on Cottage-street Playground in connection with a festival on June 27 and 28, which was approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on Automobile House Bill 1678, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to consult with the Highway Commission.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Frank S. Mason, Chairman Boys Work Committee, Boston-1915, requesting the use of the Wood Island Park Gymnasium as a registration center for competitors in an athletic meet to be held in September, which was laid on the table.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from the Mayor's Secretary

relative to the purchase of park department automobiles, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from the Mayor relative to the need of a playground in the Orient Heights district; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Election Commissioners for booth locations; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the removal of the ledge in Marcella-street Playground, which was referred to the Superintendent to get bids.

The Superintendent submitted a request from Assistant Superintendent J. W. Duncan, for leave of absence; and it was

VOTED, that a leave of absence of two weeks, without loss of pay, be granted Assistant Superintendent John W. Duncan, to attend the annual convention at Seattle of the American Association of Park Superintendents, of which he is president.

The Superintendent submitted correspondence with Mr. L.C. Servos on the matter of the golf links in Franklin Park; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent see that the rules are enforced.

Chas. G. Clawrence
Secretary pro tem

BOSTON, JULY 12, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meetings of June 9 and June 24 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Florence J. McCarthy, offering land on Bennington and Saratoga streets for playground purposes, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Election Commissioners for the permanent location of a voting booth at Charlestown Playground; and the Secretary was instructed to reply that the Board cannot allow the booth to remain there permanently.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the list of events for the athletic meet of the Boston Playground Association; and the Superintendent was authorized to make arrangements for the same as suggested in his report.

The Superintendent submitted a preliminary report relative to a reinforced concrete floor for the Marine Park pier, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to repairs to the buildings at Wood Island and Marine parks; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Chairman to employ an architect to examine and report upon the same, also to review the drawings made by the department for sanitary and shelter buildings in various playgrounds.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of repairing the pier head at Marine Park; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the City Council Resolve relative to the extension of the uses of Charlesbank in connection with the Parkman Fund; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor on the cost of the improvements recommended by the Superintendent.

VOTED, to suspend William H. Carter, steamroller engineer, for the ressons stated in the notice previously sent to him.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to John Lordan, brother of Michael Lordan, deceased, the amount due him on the payrolls of this department.

A communication was received from Clifford R. Weld, accepting the proposition of the Board for the settlement of his damages for land taken for Ward 17 Playground; and it was

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 29, 1909, a parcel of land containing 36,278 square feet, on Norfolk avenue and Proctor street, Roxbury, supposed to belong to Clifford R. Weld two-thirds, and Charles G. Smith and William A. Gaston, Trustees under the will of Samuel Weld, one-third, was taken for a playground, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Clifford R. Weld the sum of nine thousand sixty-nine and 50/100 dollars, for two undivided thirds of said land, upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses on account of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for playground Ward 17.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 29, 1909, a parcel of land containing 36,278 square feet, on Norfolk avenue and Proctor street, Roxbury, supposed to belong to Clifford R. Weld, two-thirds, and

Charles G. Smith and William A. Gaston, Trustees under the will of Samuel Weld, one-third, was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Charles G. Smith and William A. Gaston, Trustees, the sum of four thousand five hundred thirty-four and 75/100 dollars, for one undivided third of said land, upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses on account of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground Ward 17.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed May 29, 1909, a parcel of land containing 15,593 square feet, on Proctor street, Roxbury, supposed to belong to Charles W. Roberts, was taken for a playground, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to Annie C. Hubbard, Assignee of said Charles W. Roberts, the sum of five thousand, eight hundred forty-seven and 37/100 dollars, upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed or release of the same, including all rights of said Roberts or said Annie C. Hubbard in those parts of B street, so-called, included in said taking, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses on account of said taking, also a release of any claim that said Roberts or said Annie C. Hubbard may have for damages to his or her remaining land arising or in any way growing out of said taking, satisfactory to the Law Department, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground Ward 17.

On request of the Bath Trustees to place a floating bathhouse at Mystic Playground, it was

VOTED, that the Chairman notify the Bath Trustees that the Board offers no objection to the proposed action.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the special appropriations for Mystic and Ashmont Playgrounds, also plans for shelter and sanitary building for Roslindale Playground; and it was

VOTED, that the plans, with changes suggested by the Chairman, be approved, and that the Superintendent be authorized to advertise for bids.

The Superintendent submitted a report on playground sites in Ward 13; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Secretary to advertise for offers for land for a playground in said ward.

A communication from Dr. J. J. Minot, to Mr. Prendergast, in regard to

the use of the Refectory Building for the open-air school for another year, was received and referred to the Chairman to confer with Dr. Minot in regard to the matter.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen, with reference to putting in a safe and proper condition for public travel, the crossings of intersecting streets with the Boston Elevated Railway tracks on Columbia Road; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with the officials of the Elevated Railway.

A report by Mr. Arthur A. Shurtleff, regarding the salient points made by Professor Charles S. Sargent in his report regarding the trees of Commonwealth avenue, received from Dr. F. B. Sprague, was presented by the Chairman and placed on file.

VOTED, to authorize the advertising for bids for plumbing in the Franklin Field building.

The Superintendent summitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen, asking that gymnastic apparatus and a locker and bath building be erected on Ward 15 Playground, which was referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor.

An order of the Common Council requesting information as to encroachments made upon Ashmont Playground by private individuals, was received and placed on file.

An agreement signed by Patrick T. and Mary E. Reardon, placing restrictions on their land adjoining Arborway, was received and accepted.

A communication from R. Clipston Sturgis, relative to grading the park grounds at the Normal Group of School Buildings, was submitted by the Chairman with the suggestion, that, in view of the statement of the Chairman of the Schoolhouse Commission, that there is no appropriation on the Normal Group of School Buildings unexpended, and that his Board has no money available forgrading the park land, this department should do whatever grading and planting is necessary; and it was

VOTED, that, in view of the large investment on the part of the City in the Normal Group of School Buildings, the Chairman's suggestion be approved, and the Superintendent be authorized to do the work.

Communications from E. L. Caldwell, relative to the painting of the flagstaff at Pine Bank, and from the United Improvement Association as to park organization, reports, etc., were received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be instructed to construct a crosswalk on Commonwealth avenue at the entrance of the Allston Golf Club.

VOTED, to amend the rules adopted by the Board August 31, 1903, for the

CITY of BOSTON.

In Board of Park Commissioners,

July 12, 1909

Special Regulations Concerning the Exclusion and Use of Motor Vehicles in the Boston Parks and Parkways.

Voted, That the following special regulations concerning the exclusion and use of motor vehicles in the Boston parks and parkways be and the same are hereby adopted under the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 554 of the Acts of the year 1909:

1. Motor vehicles are hereby excluded from Franklin Park and the Arnold Arboretum, except on Glen Road and the road from Forest Hills Street to the entrance to Forest Hills cemetery in said Franklin Park.

2. On Commonwealth Avenue, between Arlington Street and the Ericson statue, motor vehicles travelling in either direction shall use the driveway on the left of the parkway only.

3. On Commonwealth Avenue, between Beacon Street and Brighton Avenue, motor vehicles travelling in either direction shall use the driveway on the right of the parkway only.

4. On Commonwealth Avenue, between Brighton Avenue and Warren Street, motor vehicles shall use the middle driveway only, except for the purpose of going in the nearest way to some building between said Brighton Avenue and said Warren Street.

5. Every motor vehicle when stopped upon any road or driveway shall be at the side of the road and as near as possible to the curb or gutter, and with its machinery at rest, and no motor vehicle shall be left standing for more than 20 minutes.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

Sec. of Defense

use and government of the public parks and other public reservations in charge of the Board, and amended May 9, 1904, January 8, February 26 and May 21,1906, January 8 and February 28, 1907, and May 10, 1909, by striking out all regulations concerning the use and operation of motor-vehicles, and all speed regulations, also by substituting the word "road" for the word "lane" and inserting the word "a" before the word "leash" in rule 4.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JULY 23, 1909

The following bids were received and opened at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M., a representative from the Mayor's office being present.

Proposals for Removing Ledge at Marcella-street Playground

Patrick F. Donovan	$1750.00
John C. Coleman & Sons Company #	2400.00

#Duplicate proposal received by City Auditor at 3.10 P.M., which made the proposal invalid.

Proposals for Plumbing Franklin Field Locker Building

James J. O'Brien	$3463.00
D. A. Horgan	3700.00
Edward C. Kelly #	3488.00
Daniel E. Walsh	3440.00
P. J. Sullivan	3473.00
Robert F. Brown	3119.00
Michael Ahern	3211.00
W. F. Atkinson	3875.00
Pierce & Cox	3463.00
Kelley & Gaffey	3050.00

#Duplicate proposal received by City Auditor at 3.28 P.M., which made the proposal invalid.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, JULY 26, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 3.15 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for removing the ledge at Marcella-street Playground; and it was

VOTED, to reject the bids.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids for plumbing at the Franklin Field Building; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of Kelley & Gaffey, the lowest bidders.

The Superintendent submitted a report on seats for Marcella-street Playground, which was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on what other cities were doing in the matter of public golf links.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the renewal of Harris Rosenthal's privilege of collecting junk at the Strandway dump; and it was

VOTED, to renew the privilege for three months, on the same terms as before.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that Frank Gregori be made a special policeman at Castle Island; and a request was made to the Police Commissioner to grant the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from William D. Whall, offering land in East Boston for a playground; and the secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent was instructed to report on the sites offered for a playground in the Parker Hill District.

The Superintendent was instructed to report on the offers of land for a playground in Ward 13, received in answer to advertisement.

A communication was received from James R. Carret, attorney for the heirs of William Worthington, stating that his clients are ready to entertain an offer for the land on Savin Hill belonging to them which, the city desires to acquire for a public park; and the Chairman was instructed to offer $31,500 for the land proposed for Savin Hill Park, less the three lots on Grampian Way, containing respectively 7989 square feet, 5284 square feet and 5255 square feet.

The Superintendent submitted a report relative to the removal of a jutting point in the sidewalk on Commonwealth avenue west of Massachusetts avenue; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to change the curb line in accordance with the plan which accompanied his report.

On the request of the Committee of the Church of Our Lady of Mt.Carmel to hold a band concert and exhibition of fireworks on Cottage-street Playground, it was

VOTED, to grant the same, provided they obtain the authority of the Board of Aldermen for the display of fireworks.

A communication from the Board of Election Commissioners requesting to be heard in regard to allowing a voting booth to remain permanently on Charlestown Playground, was received and it was

VOTED,not to grant the request for a permanent location.

A communication from Dr. James Brown Thornton in regard to the policy of excluding automobiles from Franklin Park and Arnold Arboretum was received and placed on file.

A communication from Herbert S. Frost in regard to the unpaid sewer assessments on the estate taken from Robert Black for Ward 17 Playground, and insurance policy on the buildings, asking if the city will assume these items; and the Secretary was instructed to reply that the Board regrets that it is unable to change its award in Mr. Black's case owing to the unpaid sewer assessments, and does not wish the insurance policy transferred as it does not intend to retain the buildings. The Secretary was instructed to notify Robert Black's sons to vacate the premises within thirty days.

Communications from George Alexander Maguire and George Taylor with reference to sports at Franklin Field and Columbus-avenue Playground were received and placed on file.

A communication from F. O. Whitney, Chief of Surveying Division, submitting a plan of streets adjoining Franklin Field, was received and referred to the Chairman to approve the plan after viewing the premises, if, in his opinion, the Board should do so.

The Superintendent was instructed to report concerning the liability of the City for injury to persons or property caused by automobiles belonging to the department, and as to the practice of the city with reference to accident liability insurance.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, AUGUST 10, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody, Prendergast and Coakley; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the accident to Arthur E.Ogden, asking for instructions in regard to his continuance on the payrolls, also as to pay for militiamen while on military duty. Under Mr. Babson's ruling it was decided that militiamen, being paid by the day or week, would not be entitled to pay. The Superintendent's report was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of James Sweeney, shepherd, for two days' vacation, which was referred to the Superintendent to allow leave of absence without pay.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Boston Athletic Association to hold championship games at Wood Island Park Gymnasium; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request, subject to the direction and control of the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the inability of Thomas Thornton to return to laboring work, which was placed on file.

A communication from Dr. Minot regarding the use of the Refectory for a school for children affected with tuberculosis, and the opinion of Mr. Babson in regard to the matter, were received and the Chairman was instructed to communicate further with the Corporation Counsel.

The Mayor's approval of the employment of Mr. Austin, of the firm of Stickney & Austin, architects, in connection with repairs on buildings, etc., in this department, was receivedand placed on file.

A communication from H. W. Kelly, stating that Mr. Bleiler would submit a proposition later for the sale of his estate for Ward 19 Playground was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on East Boston playground sites, with plan; and the matter was laid over awaiting a new proposition from the East Boston Company.

The Chairman was authorized to offer $10,000 for the land offered to the Board by Joseph Balch for Ward 13 Playground.

A communication from Councilman Kelly, in regard to the question of a playground for Ward 13, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel regarding the liability of the City for injury to persons or property caused by the department au-

tomobiles, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the expense incident to the picnic of the Holy Family Temperance League, which was placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen authorizing the Park Commissioners to lease the land now owned by the Howe Memorial Association for a recreation ground; and the Chairman was instructed to report to the Mayor.

An offer from J. L. Bergman of land on Amory street in Roxbury was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the method of buying supplies, which was placed on file.

The Chairman submitted a communication from the City Auditor, in reply to a letter from the Chairman as to the approval of bills and payrolls, with a draft of his reply.

A communication from the Mayor referring to the ordinance in regard to painting and lettering department automobiles was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to laundry bills and suggesting that charges for the use of towels and soap be made; and the Superintendent was instructed to put his recommendation into effect.

A letter from the Highway Commission in relation to a traffic census was received, and the Superintendent was instructed to co-operate in taking the census as they requested.

A communication from A. A. Fales, President of the Charlestown Improvement Association, in relation to appropriations for Charlestown Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent was authorized to advertise for bids for electric wiring in the locker building Franklin Field.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, AUGUST 12, 1909

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Prendergast's office, 87 Milk street, at 2 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody, Prendergast and Coakley.

The Board estimated the expense of taking a parcel of land belonging to Martha L. Richardson, Stanley W. Richardson and Rachel H. Roberts for the Savin Hill Park, at $31,500 and the taxes on said land for 1909; and passed the following act of taking:

In Board of Park Commissioners

August 12, 1909

The Board of Park Commissioners ofthe City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 185 of the acts of the year 1875, and other authority thereto enabling, does hereby take for park purposes the following described parcel of land situate in that part of Boston, formerly Dorchester, called Savin Hill, namely:-

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Martha L. Richardson, Stanley W. Richardson and Rachel H. Roberts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of the southerly part of Grampian Way, at a point 30 feet northeasterly from land conveyed to Charles H. Howard by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds book 2737, page 23; thence running northwesterly and bounded southwesterly by an extension of private way, 30 feet wide, 173 and 25/100 feet; thence running westerly by a curved line with a radius of 93 and 64/100 feet, and bounded southerly by the northerly end of said way and by another private way leading northwesterly therefrom, there measuring 54 and 25/100 feet; thence running westerly and southwesterly by acurved line of 222 and 32/100 feet radius, and bounded southerly by said last mentioned private way and by Alpine Way, so-called, 155 and 21/100 feet; the last two described lines forming a reversed curve; thence running southwesterly by a straight line, tangent to said last mentioned curved line, and bounded southeasterly by said Alpine Way, 89 and 79/100 feet; thence running northwesterly by a straight line, and bounded southwesterly by said Alpine Way, 92 and 76/100 feet; thence running northwesterly and northerly by a curved line of 32 and 65/100 feet radius, forming the junction of said Alpine Way and Woodland avenue, so-called, 46 and 61/100 feet; thence running northeasterly by a curved line of 100 feet radius, and bounded northwesterly by said Woodland avenue, 38 and 76/100 feet; thence running northeasterly by a straight line, tangent to said last mentioned curved line, and bounded northwesterly by said Woodland avenue, 263 and 95/100 feet; thence running northwesterly and bounded southwesterly by the northeasterly end of said Woodland avenue, as shown on the plan hereinafter mentioned, 29 and 43/100 feet; thence running northwesterly and bounded southwesterly by lands supposed to belong to Jennie W. Robbins and to Mary E. Perkins 125 and 24/100 feet; thence running northeasterly and bounded northwesterly by land supposed to belong to George H. Sher-

man 39 and 98/100 feet, by land of said Martha L. Richrdson and others, and by land supposed to belong to Elizabeth S. Chadbourne, 63 and 13/100 feet; thence running easterly and bounded northerly by land of said Chadbourne, by land of said Martha L. Richardson and others, by land supposed to belong to Jesse G. Jewett, and by other land of said Martha L. Richardson and others 200 and 50/100 feet, and by lands supposed to belong to Stella E. Wilson, Bliss W. Robinson, and May Borden 190 and 2/100 feet; thence running southeasterly and bounded northeasterly by land supposed to belong to Elizabeth S. Chadbourne 50 feet; thence running northeasterly and bounded northwesterly by said land of said Chadbourne 154 and 37/100 feet; thence running northerly and northwesterly and bounded westerly by said land of Chadbourne by a curved line of 11 and 22/100 feet radius 29 and 37/100 feet to Grampian Way; thence running southeasterly and bounded northeasterly on said Grampian Way by a straight line 4 and 49/100 feet; thence running southeasterly, southerly and southwesterly, and bounded northeasterly, easterly and southeasterly by said Grampian Way by three lines 354 and 64/100 feet, 161 and 47/100 feet, and 65 and 62/100 feet; thence running southwesterly and bounded southeasterly by said Grampian Way 286 and 1/100 feet to the point of beginning: containing 360,031 square feet, more or less, and being shown on a plan dated April 15, 1909, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in his office, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Robert S. Peabody,

James M. Prendergast,

Daniel H. Coakley,
TheBoard of Park Commissioners
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VOTED, that, whereas, by an act of this Board passed August 12, 1909, a parcel of land containing 360,031 square feet, more or less,as shown on the plan dated April 15, 1909, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, situate in that part of Boston formerly Dorchester, called Savin Hill, supposed to belong to Martha L. Richardson, Stanley W. Richardson, and Rachel H. Roberts, was taken for a public park, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Martha L. Richardson, Stanley W. Richardson, and Rachel H. Roberts the sum of thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars,upon their giving a deed of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses on account of said taking satisfactory to the Law Department, subject to the rights of any persons legally possessing rights in the abutting ways shown on said plan and in the ways called Alpine avenue and Woodland avenue as shown on plans respectively heretofore recorded with Norfolk Deeds and Suffolk Deeds, and in the private way and in said extension of

private way shown on said plan of April 15, 1909, and subject also to any assessments or liability to assessments for public improvements in said Grampian Way existing at the time of the delivery of the said deed, and subject also to the taxes for the current year assessed as of May 1, 1909 which the city is to assume and pay as a part of the consideration thereof, also an agreement, that, if any betterments shall hereafter be assessed on any other lands belonging to said Martha L. Richardson and others by reason of said taking and the laying out of said premises or any part thereof as a public park, said city shall assume and pay such betterments, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Savin Hill Park.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, AUGUST 27, 1909

The following bids were received for electric wiring of the Franklin Field Locker Building, at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M., a representative from the Mayor's office being present:

Martin Keough & Company	$567.00
E. C. Lewis	567.00
Columbia Electric Engineering Company	598.00

The bids were taken under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 9, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting and of special meeting of August 12 were read and approved.

A communication from Mrs. L. B. Titus, Secretary Howe Memorial Association

asking for a hearing before the Board with reference to the matter of leasing for a playground the plot of land owned by the Association on M. N.Eighth and Ninth streets and Columbia Road, in South Boston, was received and placed on file, the Chairman having replied thereto that the Commission has advised the Mayor against the lease.

A communication from Acting Corporation Counsel John D. McLaughlin, stating that, in his opinion,it is discretionary with the Board as to the length of time which may be granted Mr. Duncan for vacation with pay, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the East Boston Company, offering to sell 160,000 square feet of land on Saratoga street, for the Orient Heights Playground, at 16 ¢ per foot, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for improving the Ward 17 Playground, which was approved and the Superintendent instructed to go on with the work.

The Superintendent submitted a report stating what needed to be done to prepare the Bleiler ledge lot for a playground for the Parker Hill District, and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Henry W. Kelly in accordance with the Superintendent's report, asking him to submit an offer to the Board based on the improvements suggested by Mr. Pettigrew.

A communication from the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, offering a lot of land on West Third, B and Bolton streets and the railroad track, containing 12,014 square feet, for a playground for Ward 13, at $1.00 per foot, was received; and the Chairman was authorized to offer the Company $10,000 for the land, the City to assume the taxes for the current year.

Correspondence between Mr. Putnam and the Boston Elevated Railway Company, in regard to the landing on Commonwealth avenue near Munroe street, was submitted by the Superintendent to the Board; and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel in regard to the authority of the Park Commissioners to loan the Refectory Building in Franklin Park to either the School Committee or the Hospital Trustees, as a school for children afflicted with tuberculosis; and the Chairman was instructed to write to the Hospital Trustees concerning their plans, and to the Superintendent of Branches and Stations of the Public Library in regard to moving the library from the building.

A communication from Alderman Thomas J. Giblin in regard to the erection of a flagpole at Wood Island Park, and calling attention to the condition of Neptune avenue, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a communication from John D. Hardy, in

regard to the plan for sidewalk and driveway for Hotel Puritan, submitted by his architect, E. B. Stratton; and the matter was referred to the Superintendent to issue a permit for the construction of the sidewalk and to make changes in the road surface, on confirmation of the offer of Mr. Hardy, by Mr. Stratton, to pay for the work done by this department.

An application from John Wellings, for permission to place a raft and landing at Castle Island, opposite Governor's Island, so as to carry passengers between the islands, was received together with a report from the Superintendent, and permission was refused.

The Superintendent submitted proposals for asphalt floors in Franklin Field locker building; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of Simpson Brothers Corporation to furnish Sicilian rock asphalt floors, for the sum of $424.

The Superintendent submitted proposals for plumbing fixtures for Castle Island sanitaries; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of George E. Gilchrist Company, amounting to $456.80.

The Superintendent submitted proposals for the steam boiler for the Franklin Field locker building; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposal of the New England Iron Works Company to furnish a boiler on specifications submitted by them for the sum of $270.

VOTED, that the proposals received for wiring the Franklin Field locker building August 27 be rejected, and that new proposals be solicited without advertising.

An application from park department employees, members of the Park Department A. F. of L. (American Federation of Labor), for a day on which to hold a picnic, was received; and it was

VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the purchase of five additional dump wagons from Potter Brothers, Agents of the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, at $120 each; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Brockton Trap Rock Company for a settlement of their account in full; and it was

VOTED, to accede to their request if the Corporation Counsel sees no objection to such action.

The Superintendent's report on communication from E. L. Caldwell, with reference to the painting of the park department flagpoles, was recived and placed on file.

A communication from Dr. Frederic A. Washburn, Administrator of the Massachusetts General Hospital, requesting authority to lay a pipe from the Hospital grounds to the Charles River Basin, to obtain a water supply for the condenser of their ice plant; was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Massachusetts General Hospital be and it hereby is authorized and empowered in a manner satisfactory to this Board to lay and to maintain until otherwise ordered by this Board or its successors, a pipe not more than three inches inside measurement across Charlesbank, so-called, to Charles River for a water supply for the condenser of its ice plant connected with the premises now owned by it and known as the Massachusetts General Hospital, located on and near Charles street in said Boston, the location of the pipe and other details of the work to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 15, 1909

A special meeting of the Board of ParkCommissioners was held at the Chairman's office at 11 A.M. Present Messrs. Peabody,Prendergast and Coakley.

The Board estimated the expense of taking land for a playground for Ward 13 from Anna S. T. and Caroline F. Everett, and Eliot N. Jones, at $10,000 and the taxes on said land for 1909; and passed the following act of taking:

In Board of Park Commissioners
September 15, 1909

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it, by chapter 28 of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and by any other authority hereto enabling, does hereby take in fee for a public playground the following described parcels of land situated in that part of Boston called South Boston,namely:

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Anna S. T. Everett and Caroline F. Everett, bounded and described as follows: southwesterly by West Fifth street 154 and 31/100 feet, northwesterly by lands supposed to belong to Caroline Kohler and to heirs or devisees of Ignatz Wirth 116 and 8/100 feet, northeasterly by Gold street 153 and 88/100 feet, and southeasterly by land of Fred J. Wright and land hereinafter described as taken from Eliot N.Jones

115 and 62/100 feet; containing 17,853 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Eliot N. Jones, bounded southwesterly by West Fifth street 36 and 32/100 feet, northwesterly by land hereinbefore described as taken from Anna S. T. Everett and Caroline F. Everett 65 and 62/100 feet, northeasterly by said land of Fred J. Wright 36 and 50/100 feet, and southeasterly by land supposed to belong to Mary Manley by two lines 45 and 6/100 feet and 20 and 45/100 feet; containing 2,391 square feet, more or less.

All said land being shown on a plan dated September 3, 1909, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Boston, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Robert S. Peabody,

James M. Prendergast

Daniel H.Coakley

The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston

The request of J. L. McDonough, Secretary Park Department Union 12435, for a holiday on September 16 for a picnic, was reconsidered by the Board; and it was

VOTED, that a holiday be granted for said purpose, provided that such employees as take the holiday shall work on two Saturday afternoons in lieu of said holiday.

Communications were received from Herbert J. Kellaway, Boston 1915, requesting co-operation of the park department in an exhibit to be held in the old Art Museum, beginning November 1, were received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 12, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting and the special meeting of September 15, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Howe Memorial Corporation with reference to the subject of the Board's taking charge of the land in South Boston

belonging to the Association, under the vote of the City Council, which authorized the Board to lease the property for a recreation ground for women and children; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication was received from Rev. P. J. Walsh, asking for a permanent location for St. Joseph Athletic Association's boathouse on the Charlesbank; and the Chairman was directed to write Mr. Walsh calling his attention to the definite understanding that when the Charles River Basin was completed they would remove the building to another site, and that the Board is unwilling to have the temporary location made permanent, and regrets that it cannot comply with the request.

An order was received from the Board of Aldermen requesting to be informed whether or not more money is required for a playground in Ward 13, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the Common Council was received, requesting the Board to have the playground in Ward 17 enclosed with an iron fence, with a base of concrete or stone of sufficient height to permit of the playground's being flooded for skating, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for said playground, which was placed on file.

The Chairman was instructed to request the approval of the Mayor to the enclosing of Ward 17 Playground, in accordance with the Superintendent's report and the plan adopted by the Board, with the department force.

A communication from the Finance Commission requesting a statement of the number of employees in the department classified as to age, employment and length of service, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Dr. C. G. Weld, asking for a permit to practice fly-casting in Jamaica Pond, was received and permission granted.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, forwarding plans of Avenue Louis Pasteur, with specifications for surfacing the roadway, also reports from the Superintendent and the Engineer with reference to the same, were received; and it was

VOTED, to approve the plans and inform the Superintendent of Streets of this approval, and to ask the Mayor, that,if it is a fact that Avenue Louis Pasteur when completed is to be placed in charge of the Park Commission, its surface be not tarviated but finished like the other parkways.

The Superintendent submitted proposals for furnishing a steam boiler for the Franklin Park office, recommending the acceptance of the Gurney boiler as preferable to the Richmond,which was offered for $2.00 less;and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the Gurney boiler.

The Superintendent submitted a report on a communication from James

O'Neill, requesting compensation for time lost on account of an accident received while on duty; and, on the Superintendent's recommendation, it was

VOTED, to refer the case to the Committee on Claims.

The Superintendent submitted a bill for medical attendance on Michael Lorden, injured by an accident while on duty; and it was

VOTED, to approve the bill.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to Mary M. Roche, widow of Thomas Roche, the amount due him on the payrolls of this department.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the accident to the son of Thomas F. Supple at Savin Hill Beach; and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Supple that the Board regrets the occurrence but disclaims any liability on the part of the City..

A communication from the Law Department relating to the settlement of the suit of Andrew J. Peters for the reduction of the assessment on his property for betterment, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of Andrew J. Peters for a reduction of the betterments assessed upon his estate on account of the laying out of the parkway West Roxbury, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, without interest.

A communication from the Law Department, concerning the balance of the appropriation for Savin Hill Park, was received; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to expend the balance of the appropriation for Savin Hill Park for the construction and improvement of the park if the Mayor approves of the work's being done by the department force. Subsequently, the City Auditor stated that the Mayor's approval was not necessary.

A communication from the Law Department giving the names and amounts for the awards on the West Fifth and Gold streets playground was received; and it was

VOTED, that whereas a parcel of land on West Fifth and Gold streets, South Boston, containing 17,853 square feet, supposed to belong to Anna S.T. and Caroline F.Everett, was taken by this Board, September 15, 1909, for a playground, there be awarded and paid to George Lemist Clarke, Executor, and Caroline F. Everett the sum of eight thousand two hundred dollars upon their proving title thereto, and giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses on account of said taking satisfactory to the Law Department, subject to the taxes for 1909, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds Ward 13.

VOTED, that whereas a parcel of land on West Fifth street, South Boston, containing 2391 square feet, supposed to belong to Eliot N. Jones, was taken by this Board, September 15, 1909, for a playground, there be awarded and paid to the said Eliot N. Jones the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars upon his proving title thereto and giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs and expenses on account of said taking satisfactory to the Law Department, subject to the taxes for 1909, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds Ward 13.

The Board estimated the expense of taking land on West Third, Bolton and B streets, from the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, for a playground, at $10,000 and the taxes assessed on the land for the current year; and passed the following act taking said land:

In Board of Park Commissioners
October 12, 1909

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it, by chapter 28 of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and by any other authority hereto enabling, does hereby take in fee for a public playground a parcel of land supposed to belong to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, situate in that part of Boston called South Boston, and bounded southwesterly by West Third street 120 feet, northwesterly by land supposed to belong to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company 100 and 14/100 feet, northeasterly by Bolton street 120 feet and southeasterly by B street 100 and 10/100 feet, containing 12,014 square feet, more or less, said parcel of land being shown on a plan dated October 8, 1909, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Boston, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Robert S. Peabody

James M. Prendergast

Daniel H. Coakley

The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

VOTED, that whereas a parcel of land on West Third, B and Bolton streets, South Boston, containing 12,014 square feet, supposed to belong to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, was taken by this Board, October 12, 1909, for a playground, there be awarded and paid to the said Boston Consolidated Gas Company the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars upon their proving title thereto, and giving a deed or release of the same, together with an acquittance and dis-

charge of all damages, costs and expenses on account of said taking satisfactory to the Law Department, subject to the taxes for 1909, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds Ward 13

The Board accepted the proposal of John J. Roberts Company for wiring the Franklin Field locker building, for $533.

VOTED, to authorize the use of the Refectory Building in Franklin Park by the Boston Consumptive's Hospital, for use by the school for tuberculous children, for one year, in order that experience may be gained on this unoccupied city building before the city is involved in any permanent outlays, and on the express understanding that absolutely no expense is to be incurred in this matter by the park department; the building to be occupied in such parts and manner as are set forth in the communication of this Board to Dr. James J. Minot, dated September 13, and his reply dated September 20, 1909.

Executive Circular No. 26 was received, relative to the provisions of the statute regarding the advertising of contracts, which was placed on file.

A communication from Mitchell Freiman, Secretary of the West End Improvement Society, suggesting that part of the children's grass plot near Cambridge-street bridge, in Charlesbank, be given to the boys, together with a report from the Superintendent, was received; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the construction of a curling rink at Franklin Field, at an expense of about $200; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to construct the rink.

The Superintendent submitted an offer of $100 for a driving horse that is worthless to the department; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to accept the offer.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the balance available for the construction of the Ward 13 Playgrounds, which was referred to the Chairman to communicate with the City Auditor in regard to the expenditure of the balance for this purpose.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the plans and specifications for sanitary buildings at Roslindale, Mystic and Ashmont playgrounds, which was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the matter of suspending some of the men taken on temporarily during the summer; and the Superintendent was authorized to make the suspensions, when, in his judgment, it seems to be necessary.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the plan of Ward 17 Playground,

with reference to the positions and style of fences for enclosing the same, and an estimate of the cost of proposed retaining wall and fences, which was referred to the Chairman to request the approval of the Mayor to doing this work by the department force.

The Superintendent submitted an offer from James Driscoll & Son of fifty cents per load for the material taken from the lawns on Commonwealth avenue which is stored at Charlesgate, and not exceeding $100 in value; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent dispose of this material as recommended in his report.

A hearing was given to Mr. Edward Warren and Louis N. Parker, in regard to a permit for a pageant which the people want to hold in Franklin Park next June, as set forth in a communication from Mr.Parker received by the Board. The matter was taken under advisement, and the Chairman requested to obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel in regard to the authority of the Board to give a permit.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, OCTOBER 21, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 4 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relative to the construction of Avenue Louis Pasteur was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel in regard to the powers of the Board in the matter of allowing the use of Franklin Park for a pageant at which admission is to be charged, also a communication relative to the property of the Howe Memorial Association and the disposition of the taxes in case the same were leased, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the president of the Twenty-five Associates of the East Boston Cricket and Football Club in regard to their offer to sell a piece of land in East Boston to the City for a playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Chairman was instructed to offer $8000 to the Boston Land Company

for the tract of land containing about 325,000 square feet, which was offered to the Board in the Company's letter of August 9, they to include also for that sum land at the southwest corner for an entrance to the site from Saratoga street, 25 by 150 feet, and to pay this year's taxes.

A communication from G. W. Lee relative to the establishment of a children's museum in Franklin Park Refectory from the income of the Parkman Fund, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from W. J. McDonald, relative to connection of Spofford Road with Commonwealth avenue, together with a report from the Superintendent, was received; and it was

VOTED, to approve the plan of the proposed entrance, submitted by the Superintendent, and to issue a permit for its construction.

A vote of the Committee on Claims of the City Council, recommending a settlement of the claim of John F. McKernan, for injuries received while in the employ of the department, was received; and it was

VOTED, to approve and pay the same.

A communication from H. G. McKerrow Company, relative to patent on emulsion for dust laying, was received and referred to the Superintendent for investigation.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to the City Collector the sum of One Hundred Seventy-three and 25/100 Dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1909 upon land of Anna S. T. and Caroline F. Everett, taken for the West Fifth-street Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds Ward 13.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to the City Collector the sum of Twenty-eight and 5/100 Dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1909 upon land of Eliot N. Jones, taken for the West Fifth-street Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds Ward 13.

H. O. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 5, 1909

The following bids for sanitary buildings were received, opened and read at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M., a representative from the Mayor's office being present:

	Roslindale	Ashmont	Mystic
G. A. Cahill,	(1) $6714	(2) $3862	(1) $3862
William Crane	11235	6315	6315
M. J. Fish		4578	(3) 4578
Holmes Brothers Building Co.	8820	5298	5298
Hapgood & Frost	8844	4994	4994
McGahey & O'Connor	(3) 8239	5940	5940
McNeill Brothers	8877	5575	5575
W. A. &. H. A. Root Inc.	9436	5551	5551
George M. Tufts		(3) 4397	
Antony Varnerin	(2) 7381	(1) 3690	(2) 3923

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 8, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody, Prendergast and Coakley, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a plan of the North Brighton Playground; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to do the work of filling, grading and tree planting.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the bids received for sanitary buildings at Roslindale, Ashmont and Mystic playgrounds; and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bids.

A communication from C. A. Bova, lessee of the Head House, requesting an extension of lease and agreeing to do certain heating and make extensive repairs, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Boston Land Company relative to its offer of land for $10,000 for East Boston playground, also a communication from the

East Boston Improvement Association relative to the taking of land partially or wholly covered with tide-water, were considered. The Chairman stated that the Boston Land Company offered to include all of its Saratoga-street frontage south of the West End Railway Company's land for $10,000 The offer was taken under consideration, and subsequently accepted.

The Superintendent submitted the Secretary's report on bids for winter uniforms, with his approval; and it was

VOTED, to accept the proposals recommended by the Superintendent.

A communication from F. L. Olmsted regarding "The Greeting",Franklin Park, was received and placed on file.

An order of the Board of Aldermen relative to the protection of the O' Reilly Memorial was received and placed on file.

A request was received from the Boston ElevatedRailway Company for permission to build a snow fence at North Brighton Playground, and to dump snow at Charlestown and Strandway playgrounds; and it was

VOTED, that the Boston Elevated Railway Company have permission to build and maintain a snow fence on North Brighton Playground adjoining Western avenue, the fence to be built on about the same lines as last year; also to dump snow on Charlestown and Strandway playgrounds outside the skating areas: all subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Parks.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures, to lay out measured spaces on Commonwealth avenue, to test the meters of taxicabs, beginning at Arlington street; and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

VOTED, that there allowed and paid to the City Collector the sum of Four Hundred Seven and 55/100 Dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1909 upon land of William Worthington Heirs of Devisees, taken for Savin Hill Park, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Savin Hill Park.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to the City Collector the sum of Two Hundred One and 30/100 Dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1909 upon land of Boston Consolidated Gas Company,taken for the West Third-street Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds, Ward 13.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to the City Collector the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-two and 15/100 Dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1909 upon land of Lucius A.Brown, taken for Ward 17 Playground, and that the

Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, Ward 17.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to the City Collector the sum of Three Hundred and 30/100 Dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1909 upon land of Mary E. Brown taken for Ward 17 Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground. Ward 17.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to the City Collector the sum of Seventy-seven and 55/100 Dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1909 upon land of Charles W. Roberts taken for the Ward 17 Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, Ward 17.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secretary

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 26, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition of C. A. Bova to make repairs to boilers etc., at the Head House, Marine Park, provided he is given a renewal of his lease.

VOTED, to decline Mr. Bova's proposition, and to authorize the Superintendent to prepare an advertisement for letting the Head House on the expiration of the present lease.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council, requesting the Board to provide a handball court and bleachers at the M-street Playground, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to proposed changes in the landing at South street and Commonwealth avenue, to be made by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, which was placed on file.

Communications from S. P. Sharples and the Corporation Counsel, relative to the claim of the H. G. McKerrow Company, Ltd., of infringement of the Sanderson emulsion patent, were received and placed on file.

A request of the Finance Commission for information in regard to the purchase of land for the West Fifth-street Playground, already furnished in part by the Chairman was referred to him for further answer.

A petition with accompanying letter from G. W. Carruth, requesting that the proposed sanitary building on Roslindale Playground be given another location, was received and placed on file, the Chairman having already replied in accordance with instructions of the Board.

A communication from Mrs. Bisbee, Coresponding Secretary Mattapannock Woman's Club of South Boston, proposing that West Fifth street Playground be named "Newell Park",was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from W. W. Clarke in relation to the claim of John Foley, for compensation for time to which he claims he is entitled as an employee of this department, with Mr. Babson's comment on the same, wasreceived and placed on file.

A communication from John J. Conroy to Mr. Coakley, relative to location of detention hospital for the insane on the parkway at Brookline avenue and Kenwood Road, was received and the Secretary was instructed to ask Mr. Babson if the Board has any power.

A communication from William S. McNary relative to a meeting of a Committee of the South Boston Citizen's Association, with the Mayor, in regard to playgrounds in the lower part of South Boston, and the proposed Howe Memorial Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from John D. Hardy, relative to bills for work done on the driveway at Hotel Puritan, and stating his appreciation of the changes made in the sidewalk near Massachusetts avenue, was received and placed on file.

An acknowledgment from the Railroad Commissioners of the Chairman's letter with respect to increased service at Wood Island Park station, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the City Auditor relative to the expenditure of the appropriation for Ward 13 playgrounds, was received, and the Superintendent was instructed to report a plan for improving the playgrounds.

The Chairman referred to the planting at the Collins' Memorial; and it was

VOTED, that the completion of the planting be done in accordance with the Chairman's suggestions.

The Board estimated the expense of taking 362,167 square feet of land from the Boston Land Company, for a playground in Ward 1, at $10,000, and passed the following act of taking:

In Board of Park Commissioners
November 26, 1909

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it, by chapter 28 of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and of any other authority hereto enabling, does hereby take in fee for a public playground aparcel of land supposed to belong to the Boston Land Company situate in that part of Boston called East Boston, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the northwesterly side of Saratoga street at land supposed to belong to the West End Street Railway Company; thence running southwesterly by said Saratoga street about 263 and 71/100 feet to land supposed to belong to the East Boston Company; thence running northwesterly by said land of the East Boston Company about 955 and 76/100 feet to a line in continuation of the southeasterly line of Reynolds street; thence running northeasterly by said line on other land of said Boston Land Company about 246 and 40/100 feet to Boardman street; thence running southeasterly by said Boardman street, by two lines, 143 and 34/100 feet and 579 and 43/100 feet to land supposed to belong to Angelina Sacco; thence running southwesterly by said land of Anglina Sacco 85 feet; thence running southeasterly by said land of Angelina Sacco and by land supposed to belong to Michele Sacco 80 feet; thence running southwesterly and southeasterly by land supposed to belong to Domenico Bonanno, by two lines, 43 and 46/100 feet and 23 and 34/100 feet; thence running southwesterly by other land supposed to belong to the Boston Land Company and said land of said West End Street Railway Company 178 and 96/100 feet; thence running southeasterly by said last mentioned land 133 and 10/100 feet to the point of beginning, containing 362,167 square feet, more or less; said parcel of land being shown on a plan dated November 22, 1909, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in the office of theCity Engineer of the City of Boston, a copy whereof is filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Robert S. Peabody

James M. Prendergast

Daniel H. Coakley

The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

VOTED, that whereas a parcel of land on Saratoga and Boardman streets, East Boston, containing 362,167 square feet, supposed to belong to the Boston Land Company, was taken by this Board, November 26, 1909, for aplayground, there be awarded and paid to the said Boston Land Company the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars upon their proving title thereto, and giving a deed or

or release of the same, together with an acquittance and discharge ofall damages, costs and expenses on account of said taking satisfactory to the Law Department, the property to be conveyed subject to all rights acquired and subject to all assessments levied by the City of Boston for sewer purposes, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, Orient Heights

VOTED, to petition the Harbor and Land Commissioners for permission to fill the land taken this day for the Orient Heights Playground.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to the City Collector the sum of Forty-four and 55/100 Dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1909 upon land of Robert Black taken for Ward 17 Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, Ward 17.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to the City Collector the sum of Two Hundred Fourteen and 50/100 Dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1909 assessed upon land of Charles G. Smith and others, Trustees, taken for Playground Ward 17, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, Ward 17.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 22, 1909

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 53 State street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs. Peabody and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the state of the maintenance appropriation, and the need of a reduction in the force, recommending that the laborers and most of the mechanics be put on two-thirds' time; and the Superintendent's recommendation was approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the Common Council requesting the Board to flood the enclosure of the Castle Island fort, for skating purposes, al so requesting information on the amount of the bal-

ance remaining of the appropriation for apparatus for M-street Playground, and an estimate for bleachers on the First-street side of the M-street Playground; and the Chairman was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Board of Aldermen relative to the disposition of the income from the Parkman Fund; and the Superintendent was instructed to to furnish a detailed estimate for the Greeting in Franklin Park.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the Mayor's circular calling for annual estimates, which was referred to the Chairman to send the information called for to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report, recommending the purchase of nursery stock from Barbier & Company, Orleans, France, amounting to about $400; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the same.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from the Mattapannock Woman's Club of South Boston, relative to naming the Ward 13 Playground, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

Communications from A. L Plimpton, acknowledging, for the members of the West Roxbury Citizen's Association, their approbation of the efforts of the Board in the matter of filling Billings Field; and from Mr. Howard Stetson in appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Board in improving the car stop at South street on Commonwealth avenue, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Finance Commission, relative to the purchase of land for the West Fifth-street Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Mayor, in answer to the Chairman's letter to him, in reference to the petition of the Roslindale Citizen's Association, regarding the location of the sanitary building on Roslindale Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from C. F. Ayer, requesting a modification of the restrictions on his land on Audubon Road, also letter from Mr.Isenbeck on the same matter, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from C. J. Jacobs Company requesting permission to store water pipes temporarily on land of the park department at Commonwealth avenue near Chestnut Hill avenue, was received and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Ernest W. Bowditch, relative to his petition for the planting of trees

on Commonwealth avenue estension, between Deerfield and Sherborn streets, which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Secretary

BOSTON, DECEMBER 24, 1909

The following proposals for building a brick sanitary and locker building at Columbus-avenue Playground were received and opened at 64 Pemberton square, at 3.P.M., a representative from the Mayor's office being present:

	Slate	Copper	Shingle	Tile
William Crane	$13,964	$15,154	$13,714	$14,862
		(Auditor's copy	13,114)	
John F. Griffin Company	12,149	13,130	11,830	12,628
McNeil Brothers	15,495	16,517	15,167	16,395
L. K. Marston	13,192	14,183	12,793	14,145
McGahey & O'Connor	11,960	12,941	11,801	12,953
P. G. Rice Co.,	12,563	13,232	12,183	12,911
(Auditor's copy	12,573)			
W.A.& H.A.Root	13,457	14,438	13,105	14,338
Mack & Moore	16,450	17,400	15,700	17,600
Daniel L. Shepard	12,607	13,220	11,695	13,090
Antony Varnerin	12,433	13,183	12,032	12,859

BOSTON, DECEMBER 31, 1909

The following proposals for building a brick sanitary building at Charlestown Playground were received and opened at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M. a representative from the Mayor's office being present:

	Shingle Roof	Tile Roof
L. K. Marston	$7,032.00	$7,432.00
George M. Tufts	7,018.00	7,494.00
William Crane	7,285.00	8,000.00
Antony Varnerin	9,328.71	9,758.71
Holmes Building Company	7,390.00	8,265.00
McNeil Brothers (Auditor's proposal	6,975.00)	6,975.00
John McGaw & Sons (No bid to City Auditor)	8,649.00	9,269.00
McGahey & O'Connor	6,247.00	6,947.00
P. G. Rice Company	5,300.00	5,800.00
John F. Griffin Company	5,997.00	6,522.00
Daniel L. Shepard	6,000.00	6,700.00

Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary